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OF

The Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina,

HELD IN ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CHARLESTON,

On the 13th, 14th and 15th of February,

1856.

WITH

LISTS OF THE CLERGY AND PARISHES,

THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS, THE CONSTITUTION, CANONS AND RULES
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LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA,
FEBRUARY, 1856.

- The Rt. Rev. THOMAS FREDERICK DAVIS, D. D. *Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Grace Church, Camden.*
- The Rev. Thomas S. Arthur, *Rector of Christ Church, Greenville.*
- “ Wm. H. Barnwell, *residing in Beaufort.*
- “ Edmund E. Bellinger, *Rector of Trinity Church, Edgefield.*
- “ Charles T. Bland, *officiating at Rutherford, N. C.*
- “ John B. Campbell, *Rector of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.*
- “ Andrew H. Cornish, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.*
- “ John H. Cornish, *Rector of St. Thaddæus's Church, Aiken.*
- “ M. A. Curtis, D. D. *Rector of Trinity Church, Society Hill.*
- “ Thomas F. Davis, Jr. *Assistant Minister of Grace Church, Camden.*
- “ Wm. Dehon, *Rector of the Churches of St. Stephen's and Upper St. John's.*
- “ J. Grimké Drayton, *Rector of St. Andrew's Parish.*
- “ James H. Elliott, *Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*
- “ Stephen Elliott, *Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.*
- “ John R. Fell, *Rector of Christ Church Parish.*
- “ Christopher P. Gadsden, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.*
- “ Philip Gadsden, *Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono, and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.*
- “ Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's, John's Island.*
- “ J. D. Gibson, *Missionary at Yorkville and Chesterville.*
- “ T. J. Girardeau, *Rector of the Church of the Messiah, North Santee.*
- “ Alexander Glennie, *Rector of All Saints' Parish, Waccamaw.*
- “ Richardson Graham.
- “ Alexander Gregg, *Rector of St. David's Church, Cheraw.*
- “ Charles H. Hall, *Rector of St. John's, John's Island.*
- “ Christian Hanckel, D. D. *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro', Charleston.*

The Rev. James Stuart Hanckel, *Rector of St. Thomas & St. Dennis's Parish.*

- " Wm. H. Hanckel, *Rector of the Church on Edisto Island.*
- " Robt. T. Howard, *Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.*
- " Wm. B. W. Howe, *Rector of St. John's Berkley.*
- " Joseph Hunter, *Rector of Prince Frederick's Chapel, Peedee.*
- " Nathaniel Hyatt, *Rector of St. James's, Santee.*
- " P. Gervais Jenkins, M. D. (Deacon,) *Missionary in St. Luke's Parish.*
- " Benjamin Johnson, *Rector of Trinity Church, Abbeville.*
- " Roberts P. Johnson, *Temporary Assistant Minister of Grace Church, Charleston.*
- " P. Trapier Keith, *Rector of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*
- " Lucien C. Lance, (Deacon,) *Assistant Minister of All-Saints' Parish, Waccamaw.*
- " Maurice H. Lance, *residing near Georgetown.*
- " Charles E. Leverett, *Rector of Prince William's Parish.*
- " Edward C. Logan, *Teacher in the School, and Missionary in the Parish of St. Thomas & St. Dennis.*
- " Thomas N. Lucas, *Rector of St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs.*
- " Alexander W. Marshall, D.D. *Minister of St. John's Chapel, Hampstead, Charleston.*
- " John D. McCollough, *Rector of Calvary Church, Glenn Springs, and Church of the Advent, Spartanburg.*
- " David McElheran, *Rector of St. Helena's Church, St. Helena Island.*
- " Stiles Mellichamp, *Rector of St. James's Ch., James Island.*
- " James W. Miles, *Professor in the Charleston College.*
- " Augustus Moore, *Missionary at Mar's Bluff, Darlington District.*
- " C. C. Pinckney, Jr. *Rector of Grace Church, Charleston.*
- " A. T. Porter, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, Cannonsboro', Charleston.*
- " Wm. T. Potter, *residing in Beaufort District.*
- " Wm. O. Prentiss, *Rector of Christ Church, Wilton.*
- " J. Maxwell Pringle, *Rector of the Church of the Mediator, Columbia.*
- " Edward Reed, *Rector of St. Mark's Church, Clarendon.*
- " John J. Roberts, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Claremont, Stateburg.*

The Rev. J. J. Sams, *Missionary at Black Oak.*

- " Joseph B. Seabrook, *Missionary to the Negroes near Bluffton.*
- " Richard S. Seely, *residing in Lexington District.*
- " John Sellwood, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.*
- " Peter J. Shand, *Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.*
- " J. A. Shanklin, *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.*
- " Wm. W. Spear.
- " James Stoney, M. D. *Rector of St. Luke's Parish.*
- " Paul Trapier, *Minister of Calvary Church, Charleston.*
- " Edwin A. Wagner, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Barnwell, and Missionary to Orangeburg.*
- " C. Bruce Walker, *Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Edgefield.*
- " Edward T. Walker, *Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newberry.*
- " Joseph R. Walker, D. D. *Rector of St. Helena's Parish, Beaufort.*
- " C. Wallace, *Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.*
- " J. V. Welch, *Deacon in St. Mark's Parish.*
- " Arthur Wigfall, *Chaplain in the Female Seminary, Barhamville, near Columbia.*
- " Alsop Woodward, *residing at Bluffton.*

Bishop,	1
Presbyters,	66
Deacons,	3
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Total,	70

The following Clergymen did not attend the Meetings of Convention, viz :

The Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell,	The Rev. M. H. Lance,
" C. T. Bland,	" E. C. Logan,
" M. A. Curtis, D. D.	" T. N. Lucas,
" P. T. Gervais,	" J. D. McCollough,
" R. Graham,	" J. W. Miles,
" C. H. Hall,	" R. S. Seely,
" R. T. Howard,	" J. Sellwood,
" N. Hyatt,	" W. W. Spear,
" P. G. Jenkins, M. D.	" C. B. Walker.—18.



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LIST OF PARISHES AND CHURCHES, IN THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA, WITH THE DATES OF THEIR FOUNDATION ANNEXED.

1	<i>St. Philip's</i> (original Church built 1681) <i>Parish,</i>	1704,
2	<i>St. James's</i> <i>Parish,</i> Santee,	1706, April 9
3	<i>St. Andrew's</i> “	1706, Nov. 30
4	<i>St. Bartholomew's</i> “	1706, ..
5	<i>Christ Church</i> “	1706, ..
6	<i>St. James's</i> “ Goose Creek,	1706, ..
7	<i>St. John's</i> “ Berkley,	1706, ..
8	<i>St. Thomas & St. Dennis's</i> “	1706, ..
9	<i>St. Paul's</i> “ Stono,	1706, ..
10	<i>St. Helena's</i> “ Beaufort,	1712,
11	<i>Prince George's</i> “ Winyaw,	1721,
12	<i>St. John's</i> “ John's Island,	1734,
13	<i>Prince Frederick's</i> “ 1734, Chapel Peedee,	1838,
14	<i>Prince William's</i> “	1745,
15	<i>St. Michael's</i> “ 1751, Church built,	1761,
16	<i>St. Mark's</i> “ Clarendon,	1757,
17	<i>All-Saints'</i> “ Waccamaw,	1767,
18	<i>St. Luke's</i> “	1767,
19	<i>St. Matthew's</i> “	1768,
20	<i>St. David's</i> “ 1768, Church, Cheraw,	1820,
21	<i>Church on Edisto Island,</i>	1774,
22	<i>Claremont Church,</i> Stateburg,	1788,
23	<i>St. Helena Church,</i> St. Helena Island,	
24	<i>Pineville & Upper St. John's,</i>	1807,
25	<i>St. Paul's Ch. Radcliffeboro',</i> Charleston,	1810,
26	<i>Trinity Church,</i> Columbia,	1812,
27	<i>Grace Church,</i> Sullivan's Island,	1817,
28	<i>St. Paul's Church,</i> Pendleton, about	1821,
29	<i>Christ Church,</i> Greenville,	1825,
30	<i>Grace Church,</i> Camden,	1830,
31	<i>St. James's Church,</i> James Island,	1831,

32	<i>St. Peter's Church,</i>	Charleston,	1832,
33	<i>Trinity Church,</i>	Society Hill,	1833,
34	<i>Christ Church,</i>	Wilton,	1834,
35	<i>Holy Trinity Church,</i>	Grahamville,	1834,
36	<i>Trinity Church,</i>	Edgefield,	1835,
37	<i>St. John's Church,</i>	Fairfield,	1839,
38	<i>St. Philip's Church,</i>	Bradford Springs,	1841,
39	<i>Trinity Church,</i>	Abbeville,	1842,
40	<i>Church of Messiah,</i>	North Santee,	1842,
41	<i>Church of St. Thaddaus,</i>	Aiken,	1842,
42	<i>Emmanuel Church,</i>	Chester,	1843,
43	<i>Zion Church,</i>	Richland,	1844.
44	<i>Church of the Epiphany,</i>	Laurens,	1846,
45	<i>Grace Church,</i>	Charleston,	1846,
46	<i>St. Luke's Church,</i>	Newberry,	1846,
47	<i>Ascension Church,</i>	Gillisonville,	1847,
48	<i>Church of the Advent,</i>	Spartanburg,	1847,
49	<i>Ch. of the Holy Communion,</i>	Cannonsboro', Charleston,	1848,
50	<i>Church of the Holy Apostles,</i>	Barnwell,	1850,
51	<i>Calvary Church,</i>	Glenn Springs,	1850,
52	<i>Grace Church,</i>	Anderson C. H.	1851,
53	<i>Church of the Redeemer,</i>	Orangeburg C. H.	1851,
54	<i>Christ Church,</i>	Charleston,	1855,
55	<i>Church of the Mediator,</i>	Columbia,	1855,
56	<i>*St. Jude's Church,</i>	Walterborough,	1856,
57	<i>Christ Church,</i>	Mar's Bluff,	1856,
58	<i>†Trinity Church,</i>	Black Oak,	1856,
59	<i>Church of the Good Shepherd,</i>	Yorkville,	1856.

CONGREGATIONS

NOT ENTITLED TO A REPRESENTATION IN THE CONVENTION.

<i>St. Stephen's Chapel,</i>	Charleston,	1822,	} <i>Mission</i> <i>Congregations.</i>
<i>St. John's Chapel,</i>	Hampstead,	1839,	
<i>Calvary Church,</i>	Charleston,	1849,	

* Separated from St. Bartholomew's.

† " " Pineville and Upper St. Johns.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES

TO THE CONVENTION OF 1856.

1. *St. Philip's Church, Charleston*, *Edward McCrady, *Henry D. Lesesne, J. J. P. Smith, *W. A. Pringle.
2. *St. James's, Santee*, C. C. Pinckney, *Frederick Rutledge, *R. H. Lucas, *Dr. A. E. Gadsden.
3. *St. Andrew's*, Edward Frost, *Dr. George Haig, *John Hanckel, *W. B. Pringle.
4. *St. Bartholomew's*, John W. Lewis, Haskell S. Rhett, Nathaniel Heyward, William Godfrey.
5. *Christ Church*, *C. Sams, *J. Hamlin.
6. *St. James's Goose Creek*.
7. *St. John's Berkley*, *Dr. S. W. Barker, *Keating S. Ball, *John Harleston, *Dr. Benjamin Huger.
8. *St. Thomas and St. Dennis's*.
9. *St. Paul's, Stono*.
10. *St. Helena's, Beaufort*, J. F. Chaplin, Sen., T. O. Barnwell, P. Hamilton, A. Seabrook.
11. *Prince George's, Win yaw*, *John F. Pyatt, J. Rees Ford, Benjamin H. Wilson, J. G. Henning.
12. *St. John's, John's Island*, *Richard J. LaRoche, D. J. LaRoche, S. S. P. Chisolm, George Chisolm.
13. *Prince Frederick's, Pee dee*, *Hon. R. F. W. Allston, *Dr. J. R. Sparkman, A. H. Belin, R. S. Izard.
14. *Prince William's*, *L. M. DeSaussure, *Thomas M. Hanckel, G. C. Mackey.
15. *St. Michael's, Charleston*, *Dr. I. M. Campbell, *Dr. James P. Jervey, *George S. Bryan, *J. K. Sass.
16. *St. Mark's, Clarendon*.
17. *All-Saints', Waccamaw*, W. A. Allston, John H. Tucker, *Thomas Pinckney Allston, *Plowden C. J. Weston.
18. *St. Luke's*, J. J. Pope, Sen., *F. Pope, Thomas F. Drayton.
19. *St. Matthew's*.

* Present.

20. *St. David's, Cheraw*, T. E. B. Pegues, Dr. Thomas E. Powe, Wm. H. Harrington, Jr., William Godfrey.
21. *Church on Edisto Island*, E. M. Seabrook, Dr. W. M. Bailey, *J. J. R. Westcoat, John Hanahan.
22. *Claremont Church, Stateburg*, *Dr. M. Reynolds, W. H. Burgess, *Dr. W. W. Anderson, S. J. Bradley.
23. *St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island*, *E. Fripp, *Dr. J. A. P. Scott.
24. *Pineville and Upper St. John's*, *W. M. Porcher, *Charles Sinkler, R. Press Smith, *Dr. Julius T. Porcher.
25. *St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro', Charleston*, *J. F. Blacklock, *T. G. Simons, Jr., *C. R. Brewster, *Dr. William T. Wragg.
26. *Trinity Church, Columbia*, *Dr. William Reynolds, Captain A. R. Taylor, *Col. Frank Hampton.
27. *Grace Church, Sullivan's Island*, James L. Petigru, William E. Martin, *William Jervey, Dr. C. Fitzsimmons.
28. *St. Paul's, Pendleton*, *Wm. Allston Hayne, *W. R. Colhoun, H. E. Ravenel, W. H. D. Gaillard.
29. *Christ Church, Greenville*, *Dr. O. B. Irwin, *E. S. Irwin, *Wm. Choice.
30. *Grace Church, Camden*, *Dr. L. H. Deas, Joseph B. Kershaw, *J. A. Young, *John M. DeSaussure.
31. *St. James's Church, James Island*, *J. B. Minott, *John Rivers.
32. *St. Peter's Church, Charleston*, *George W. Coffin, *T. Y. Simons, Jr., James Legare, *E. L. Kerrison.
33. *Trinity Church, Society Hill*.
34. *Christ Church, Wilton*, *Joseph E. Jenkins, *Joseph W. Faber, James C. Megget, John LaRoche.
35. *Holy Trinity, Grahamville*, *James Bolan, *John H. Howard, C. C. Dupont.
36. *Trinity Church, Edgefield*.
37. *St. John's Church, Fairfield*.
38. *St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs*.
39. *Trinity Church, Abbeville*, *John A. Calhoun, Edward Noble, *J. E. Calhoun.
40. *Church of the Messiah, North Santee*, *James H. Ladson, *James R. Pringle, Andrew Johnston, Simons Lucas.
41. *Church of St. Thaddaus, Aiken*.
42. *Emmanuel Church, Chester*.

43. *Zion Church, Richland*, *Thomas B. Clarkson.
44. *Church of the Epiphany, Laurens*.
45. *Grace Church, Charleston*, *William Whaley, *Dr. Thomas P. Green, *C. G. Memminger, *Dr. A. Raoul.
46. *St. Luke's Church, Newberry*.
47. *Ascension Church, Gillisonville*.
48. *Church of the Advent, Spartanburg*.
49. *Church of the Holy Communion, Cannonsboro', Charleston*, *A. V. Dawson, *H. L. Toomer, *L. Jervey, *John Bryan.
50. *Church of the Holy Apostles, Barnwell*.
51. *Calvary Church, Glenn Springs*.
52. *Grace Church, Anderson C. H.*
53. *Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg*.
54. *Christ Church, Charleston*, *Fred. A. Ford, John Phillips, *Edwin Heriot, *Edward B. White.
55. *Church of the Mediator, Columbia*, *W. S. Goodwyn, *W. Clarkson, R. H. Goodwyn, H. P. Dougal.

* Present.



MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION.

*ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, }
Charleston, Wednesday, February 13th, 1856. }*

This being the day and place appointed for the Sixty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of South-Carolina, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled at ten o'clock, A. M.

After Morning Prayers by the Rev. James Stoney, M. D. as far as the Creed, and the remainder of Morning Prayer with the Litany by the Rev. Joseph R. Walker, D. D., the Ante-Communion service was read by the Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D., and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Wm. B. W. Howe. The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Hanckel and Walker, and the Rev. Messrs. Campbell and Stoney.

The alms were collected by the Rev. Messrs. Pinckney and C. P. Gadsden.

After a recess the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The Roll was called by the Secretary of the last Convention, from the list of the Clergy furnished by the Bishop, and the following Clergymen answered to their names, viz :

The Rt. Rev. T. F. DAVIS, D. D.

The Rev. T. S. Arthur,	The Rev. W. H. Hanckel,
" E. E. Bellinger,	" Wm. B. W. Howe,
" J. B. Campbell,	" Joseph Hunter,
" A. H. Cornish,	" R. P. Johnson,
" J. H. Cornish,	" P. T. Keith,
" T. F. Davis, Jr.	" C. E. Leverett,
" Wm. Dehon,	" A. W. Marshall, D. D.
" J. G. Drayton,	" D. McElheran,
" Jas. H. Elliott,	" S. Mellichamp,
" S. Elliott,	" A. Moore,
" J. R. Fell,	" C. C. Pinckney, Jr.
" C. P. Gadsden,	" A. T. Porter,
" P. Gadsden,	" W. O. Prentiss.
" J. D. Gibson,	" J. M. Pringle,
" T. J. Girardeau,	" E. Reed,
" A. Glennie,	" J. B. Seabrook,
" A. Gregg,	" J. A. Shanklin,
" C. Hanckel, D. D.	" J. Stoney, M. D.
" J. S. Hanckel,	" P. Trapier,

The Rev. E. A. Wagner,
 " E. T. Walker,
 " J. R. Walker, D. D.
 " C. Wallace,

The Rev. J. V. Welch,
 " A. Wigfall,
 " A. Woodward.—45.

A quorum of the Clergy was found present.

The list of the Churches was read, and the following Parishes and Churches found to be represented, viz :

St. Philip's, Charleston; St. James's Santee; St. Andrew's; Christ Church; St. John's Berkley; St. John's, John's Island; Prince Frederick's, Peedee, Prince William's; St. Michael's; All-Saints'; St. Luke's Parish; Edisto Island; Claremont, Stateburg; St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island; Pineville and Upper St. John's; St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough; Trinity, Columbia; Grace Church, Sullivan's Island; St. Paul's, Pendleton; Christ Church, Greenville; Grace, Camden; St. James's, James Island; St. Peter's, Charleston; Trinity, Society Hill; Christ Church, Wilton; Holy Trinity, Grahamville; Messiah, North Santee; Zion, Richland; Grace, Charleston; Holy Communion, Cannonsborough; Christ Church, Charleston; Mediator, Columbia.

A quorum of the Laity was found present.

The President appointed as the Committee on the List of the Clergy, the Rev. Messrs. Trapier, Glennie and Hunter.

Also, as the Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, Messrs. Sass, Dr. Jervy and Weston.

The Committee on the List of the Clergy, reported as follows, viz :

1. That the following Clergymen are entitled to all the privileges of members of the Convention, viz :

The Rev. T. S. Arthur,
 " E. E. Bellinger,
 " J. B. Cambbell,
 " A. H. Cornish,
 " J. H. Cornish,
 " M. A. Curtis, D. D.
 " T. F. Davis, Jr.
 " Wm. Dehon,
 " J. G. Drayton,
 " J. H. Elliott,
 " S. Elliott,
 " J. R. Fell,
 " C. P. Gadsden,
 " P. Gadsden,
 " T. J. Girardeau,
 " A. Glennie,
 " A. Gregg,
 " C. H. Hall,
 " C. Hanckel, D. D.

The Rev. J. S. Hanckel,
 " W. H. Hanckel,
 " R. T. Howard,
 " Wm. B. W. Howe,
 " J. Hunter,
 " N. Hyatt,
 " B. Johnson,
 " R. P. Johnson,
 " P. T. Keith,
 " L. C. Lance,
 " C. E. Leverett,
 " T. N. Lucas,
 " J. D. McCollough,
 " D. McElheran,
 " S. Mellichamp,
 " C. C. Pinckney, Jr.
 " A. T. Porter,
 " Wm. O. Prentiss,
 " J. M. Pringle,

The Rev. E. Reed,
 " J. J. Roberts,
 " J. Sellwood,
 " P. J. Shand,
 " J. A. Shanklin,

The Rev. J. Stoney, M. D.
 " E. A. Wagner,
 " C. B. Walker,
 " E. T. Walker,
 " J. R. Walker, D. D.

2. That the following Clergymen are entitled to all the privileges of membership, except the right to vote in matters relating to the *temporal affairs* of the Churches, viz :

The Rev. P. G. Jenkins, M. D. The Rev. J. Seabrook,
 " E. C. Logan, " P. Trapier,
 " A. W. Marshall, D. D. " C. Wallace.
 " A. Moore,

3. That the following Clergymen are entitled to *seats*, but not to *votes*, viz :

The Rev. P. T. Gervais, The Rev. J. W. Miles,
 " J. D. Gibson, " J. V. Welch,
 " M. H. Lance, " A. Wigfall.

4. That the following are not entitled to either seats or votes, viz :

The Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell, The Rev. R. S. Seely,
 " C. T. Bland, " W. W. Spear,
 " R. Graham, " A. Woodward,
 " W. T. Potter,

The position of the Rev. J. J. Sams, a *casus omissus* in legislation, is referred to the Convention for decision. Respectfully,

PAUL TRAPIER, *Chairman*.

The Report was accepted, and the Rev. Mr. Sams directed to be placed under the *second* of the above heads, he being recognized by the Bishop as a Missionary at Black Oak.

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported as follows :

The Committee on the Certificates of the Lay Delegates, report the following gentlemen as entitled to seats in the Sixty-Seventh Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Diocese.

J. K. SASS,
 J. P. JERVEY,
 PLOWDEN C. J. WESTON.

Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg, Dr. M. Reynolds, W. H. Burgess, Dr. W. W. Anderson, S. J. Bradley.

St. James's Santee, C. C. Pinckney, Frederick Rutledge, R. H. Lucas, Dr. A. E. Gadsden.

Church on Edisto Island, E. M. Seabrook, Dr. W. Bailey, J. J. R. Westcoat, John Hanahan.

St. Bartholomew's Parish, J. W. Lewis, Haskell S. Rhett, Nathaniel Heyward, Wm. Godfrey.

St. David's, Cheraw, T. E. B. Pegues, T. E. Powe, W. H. Harrington, Jr. Wm. Godfrey.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, J. L. Petigru, W. E. Martin, Wm. Jervey, Dr. C. Fitzsimmons.

Prince Frederick's, Peedee, Hon. R. F. W. Allston, Dr. J. R. Sparkman, A. H. Belin, R. S. Izard.

Prince William's Parish, L. M. DeSaussure, T. M. Hanckel, G. C. Mackey.

St. Andrew's Parish, Edward Frost, George Haig, John Hanckel, W. B. Pringle.

St. Helena, Beaufort, J. F. Chaplin, Sen., T. O. Barnwell, P. Hamilton, A. Seabrook.

Christ Church, Wilton, J. E. Jenkins, J. W. Faber, J. C. Meggett, John LaRoche.

St. Peter's Church, Charleston, G. M. Coffin, T. Y. Simons, Jr., Jas. Legare, E. L. Kerrison.

Christ Church, Charleston, F. A. Ford, John Phillips, Edwin Heriot, E. B. White.

Christ Church Parish, C. Sams, J. Hamlin.

Christ Church, Greenville, O. B. Irwin, E. S. Irwin, W. Choice.

St. James's Church, James Island, J. B. F. Minott, John Rivers.

Grace Church, Camden, Dr. L. H. Deas, J. B. Kershaw, J. A. Young, J. M. DeSaussure.

Grace Church, Charleston, Wm. Whaley, Dr. T. P. Green, G. G. Memminger, Dr. A. Raoul.

St. John's Church, John's Island, R. J. LaRoche, D. J. LaRoche, S. P. Chisolm, Geo. Chisolm.

Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston, A. V. Dawson, H. L. Toomer, L. Jervey, John Bryan.

St. John's Berkley, Dr. S. W. Barker, K. S. Ball, John Harleston, Dr. B. Huger.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston, Edward McCrady, Henry D. Lesesne, J. J. Pringle Smith, W. Allston Pringle.

St. Paul's, Pendleton, W. Alston Hayne, W. R. Colhoun, H. E. Ravenel, W. H. D. Gaillard.

Church of the Mediator, Columbia, W. S. Goodwyn, W. Clarkson.

St. Helena Church, St. Helena, Island, E. Fripp, Dr. J. A. P. Scott.

Church of the Messiah, North Santee, J. H. Ladson, J. R. Pringle, Andrew Johnston, Simons Lucas.

St. Michael's, Charleston, Dr. I. M. Campbell, Dr. J. P. Jervey, G. S. Bryan, J. K. Sass.

All Saints', Waccamaw, W. A. Allston, J. H. Tucker, T. P. Allston, P. C. J. Weston.

St. Luke's Parish, J. J. Pope, Sen., F. Pope, T. F. Drayton.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, James Bolan, John H. Howard, C. C. Dupont.

Churches of Pineville and Upper St. John's, W. M. Porcher, Charles Sinkler, R. Press Smith, Dr. Julius T. Porcher.

St. Paul's, Charleston, J. F. Blacklock, T. G. Simons, Jr., C. R. Brewster, Dr. W. T. Wragg.

Zion Church, Richland, Thomas B. Clarkson.

St. Jude's Church, Walterborough, M. E. Carn, Dr. F. W. Fraser, J. B. Perry, Robert B. Jenkins.

The report was accepted.

The following Delegates answered to their names and took their seats, viz:

Messrs. Dr. Anderson, Rutledge, Dr. Gadsden, Wm. Jervey, Hon. R. F. W. Allston, Dr. Sparkman, L. M. DeSaussure, Haig, John Hanc-
kel, W. B. Pringle, Faber, T. Y. Simons, Jr., Kerrison, Ford, Heriot,
White, Sams, Hamlin, O. B. Irwin, E. S. Irwin, Choice, Minott, Rivers,
Dr. L. H. Deas, J. M. DeSaussure, Dr. Green, Dr. Raoul, R. J. La-
Roche, Dawson, Bryan, Ball, Harleston, Lesesne, W. A. Pringle,
Hayne, Colhoun, Goodwyn, Wm. Clarkson, Frupp, Ladson, Dr. Camp-
bell, Dr. Jervey, Sass, T. P. Allston, Weston, F. Pope, Bolan, How-
ard, W. M. Porcher, Dr. Julius T. Porcher, Blacklock, T. G. Simons,
Jr., Dr. Wragg, T. B. Clarkson.

The Rules of Order were read.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. HancKel, the vote by ballot for Secre-
tary was dispensed with, and the Rev. C. Wallace unanimously re-
elected Secretary.

The Secretary re-appointed the Rev. A. T. Porter as his Assistant.

The Rev. James G. Jacocks of the Diocese of Tennessee, and the
Rev. Dr. Shepard of the Diocese of Massachusetts, took seats in the
Convention under the twenty-third Rule of Order.

The application of three Churches, for admission into the Con-
vention, was referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs.
Pinckney and Keith, and Dr. Jervey.

The Bishop appointed as preacher before the next Convention, the
Rev. Paul Trapier, and as his alternate the Rev. James Stoney, M. D.

Also, as the Committee on Unfinished Business, the Rev. C. P.
Gadsden, Dr. Julius T. Porcher, and Mr. Wm. Clarkson,

Also, as the Committee on Finance, Messrs. Blacklock, J. B. Prin-
gle, and J. M. DeSaussure.

The Standing Committee reported as follows, viz :

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that since the meeting of the last Convention, they have recommended to the Bishop of the Diocese, for Priest's Orders, the Rev. Augustus Moore, Rev. Thomas J. Girardeau, Rev. A. Toomer Porter, and Rev. James Julius Sams ; for Deacon's Orders, Mr. Jacob V. Welch, and Mr. Henry L. Phillips ; and as Candidates for Holy Orders, Percival E. Prior, William C. Hinds, Barnwell B. Sams, J. Hamilton Quinby, and Arthur M. Gibbes.

The Rev. W. W. Spear, a member of the Standing Committee, having resigned, the vacancy was supplied by the election of the Rev. J. A. Shanklin.

They further report, that on the 2d of April, 1855, the Committee appointed at a previous meeting, to report to the Standing Committee the particulars of proof for each charge made against the Rev. J. L. Converse, and also a proper form of presentment of such charge as may be sustained by testimony, presented a report of the same, with the testimony in support of the charge, whereupon, after due consideration, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the presentment be made to the Bishop, in the form recommended by the Committee.

On May 21st, 1855, the President laid before the Standing Committee, a communication from the Bishop of the Diocese, containing a list of the names of the Presbyters chosen for the constitution of the Court in the case of the trial of the Rev. A. L. Converse, viz : Rev. Messrs. Shanklin, Pinckney, Bellinger, Logan, Leverett, Glennie, Benjamin Johnson, Prentiss, Marshall, Gregg, Hunter and Hyatt. He further stated, upon the authority of the above communication, that the Rev. Mr. Converse had struck off the names of the Rev. Messrs. Pinckney, Bellinger and Johnson from said list, and that he, the President of the Standing Committee, on his part, had stricken off those of the Rev. Messrs. Leverett, Marshall and Hyatt, and now asked for the advice of the Committee on his action in the case ; whereupon the Committee concurred.

At the same meeting the Committee resolved to request A. P. Aldrich, Esq., of Barnwell District, to appear in behalf of the prosecution against the Rev. A. L. Converse, and to discharge the duties required by the Canon of this Diocese in that behalf.

At a meeting of the Committee, Oct. 31st, 1855, the President reported that the trial of Mr. A. L. Converse, under Canon III. of the Church in this Diocese, took place at Orangeburg at the time appointed, and that in the opinion of all who witnessed the trial, the said Canon answered the purpose in all respects for which it is designed, with the exception of the want of provision for the incidental expenses of an ecclesiastical trial : whereupon it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain the expenses incurred by the trial of Mr. A. L. Converse, and report the same to

the Standing Committee, in order to its being presented to the Diocesan Convention for payment.

On motion, it was further

Resolved, unanimously, "That the grateful acknowledgments of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South-Carolina, are due and are hereby cordially tendered to Alfred P. Aldrich, Esq. for the readiness with which, as a duty to his Church, he complied with their request to act as their counsel in the late trial of Mr. A. L. Converse; for the care, diligence and skill exercised by him in prosecuting the case, both difficult and novel in its character; for the able, and at the same time humane, courteous and altogether satisfactory manner in which he conducted the same, and for his Christian liberality in declining to receive any pecuniary compensation for his valuable services."

The Standing Committee further report that at a meeting held on the 16th January, 1856, the Committee appointed to ascertain the expenses incurred by the trial of Mr. Augustus L. Converse, reported that they find the amount of the same to be two hundred and fifty one dollars and eighty cents, (\$251.80-100,) as will more fully appear by the annexed statement and accompanying vouchers.

A. P. Aldrich, his travelling expenses and Hotel Bill,.....	\$ 52 38
Jacob Wolfe, Sheriff of Orangeburg District, for attendance on the Court as Crier, and for sundries furnished,.....	22 62
J. N. Barrillon, Secretary to the Council,.....	50 00
Rev. A. Glennie's travelling expenses and Hotel Bill,.....	21 00
" W. O. Prentiss' " " " " "	21 00
" A. Gregg's " " " " "	22 90
" Joseph Hunter's " " " " "	20 00
" E. C. Logan's " " " " "	20 00
H. D. Lesesne, Esq. and Rev. C. Hanckel's Rail Road fare,	21 90

\$251 80

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Convention of this Diocese, to defray the expenses incidental to the trial of Mr. Converse, and that Canon III. be so amended that such a contingency shall be provided for in future.

The Standing Committee further report that, on the same day, the President laid before them a communication from Thos. Lining, Esq., Chairman of the Vestry of St. Jude's Church, Walterborough, informing them of the division of that Parish, and in conformity with Canon IX. of 1853, it and the certificates accompanying it were ordered to be put on file with the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

CH: HANCKEL, *President.*

The Rev. Dr. Hanckel moved the following as an

Additional Section to Canon III of 1855, entitled "Trial of a Minister."

SEC. 13.—The expenses incidental to the trial of any Minister, as herein provided, shall be certified by the President of the Standing

Committee, and paid by the Treasurer of the Convention. And in case the Treasurer shall not have a sufficient amount in his hands for the purpose, the same shall be raised by assessments on the several Parishes in the Diocese, in the same ratio in which they are required to contribute to the expenses of the Convention by the Fifth Standing Resolution.

The Resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Lesesne moved the following Resolution, which was made the Order of the Day at one o'clock to-morrow :

Resolved, To amend the 5th Standing Resolution so as to read, that all Parishes and Churches receiving aid from the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina, shall each contribute five (\$5) dollars annually, towards defraying the expenses of the Convention; that all Churches and Parishes in the cities of Charleston and Columbia, not receiving aid from the said Society, shall each pay for the same purpose twenty (\$20) dollars annually, and that all other Churches and Parishes in this Diocese, shall each pay annually ten (\$10) dollars for the same purpose; *and that the Secretary, &c.*

The Treasurer read his Report as follows, which was in course referred to the Committee on Finance :

DR. *Convention of the P. E. Church in account with* C. WALLACE, *Treasurer,* CR.

1855.		1855. Balance,		\$34.78
Feb. 27	To J. D. Speisegger, as Organist, 3 days,.....	\$ 9	Feb. 15 By receipt of quotas from Churches & Parishes, viz:	
	" F. C. Revel, as Sexton, 3 days,.....	9	St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro',..	10
Feb. 22	" Postage Stamps,.....	2	Prince Frederick's, Peedee.	5
Mch. 7	" A. E. Miller on acc't. for printing,.....	50	Grace Church, Sullivan's I.	5
" 24	" Postage Stamps,.....	1	All Saint's, Waccamaw,....	5
April 2	" A. E. Miller on acc't. for printing,.....	100	St. Paul's, Stono,.....	5
M'y 10	" Postage of Journals, ..	5	St. Helena's, St. Hel. Isl'd	5
" 22	" A. E. Miller balance for printing Journals, ..	64	St. Michael's,.....	10
June 8	" Welch & Harris for binding 10 vols. Journals of all Dioceses ..	7.50	St. Helena, Beaufort,.....	5
J'ly. 20	" Burke's bill for printing new Canon,.....	6	Grace Church, Charleston, ..	10
" 24	" Postage Stamps for Convention,.....	1	St. John's, John's Island, ..	5
Aug 11	" Key to Convention Box,.....	75	Trinity, Columbia,.....	5
Dec. 21 1856.	" Postage,.....	2.70	St. Mark's, Clarendon,....	5
Feb. 2	Mrs. J. F. Wallace for copying Journal,.....	28.75	Prince George's, Winyaw, ..	5
	Mercury for advertising,	3.25	St. John's Berkley,.....	5
	Standard " "	2.50	Trinity, Edgefield,.....	5
	Courier " "	3.25	Pineville, &c.....	5
			Messiah, North Santee,....	5
			Grace Church, Camden,....	5
			Holy Communion,.....	5
			St. James, Santee,.....	5
			Edisto Island,.....	5
			St. Luke's, Newb'y, 1854-55	10
			St. David's,.....	5
			Holy Trinity, Grahamville.	5
			St. Luke's Parish,.....	5
			St. Bartholomew's,.....	5
			Christ Ch. Parish, 1854-'55.	10
			Zion Church,.....	5
			St. Philip's,.....	20
			St. James, James Island, ..	5
			Christ Church, Wilton,....	5
			Holy Cross, Stateburg, 1854-'55,.....	10
			April 7 St. Peter's,.....	10
			" 23 St. Paul's Pendleton,....	5
			" 30 St. Philip's, Bradford Sp'gs.	5
			Sept. 1 Prince William's Parish, ..	10
			1856.	
			Jan. 22 Dividends on 1 share in Planter's & Mechanic's Bank,.....	1.75
			Balance due the Treasurer.	24.17
		\$295.70		\$295.70

C. WALLACE; *Treasurer.*

The Committee on the Reception of Churches, reported in favor of *St. Jude's Church, Waltherborough*, which was, on motion, received into union with the Convention.

They also reported that the application of *Christ Church, Mar's Bluff*, was Canonical, except in not stating their means for the support of a Minister. This defect being supplied verbally, on motion, *Christ Church, Mar's Bluff*, was received into union with the Convention.

Trinity Church, Black Oak, not having complied with all the Canonical requisites, the application of this Church was laid on the table, in order to give time for supplying its deficiencies.

The certificate of Messrs. M. E. Carn, Dr. F. W. Fraser, J. B. Perry, and Robert B. Jenkins as Delegates of St. Jude's Church, Walterborough, was presented, referred and reported by the Committee, as correct. Dr. Fraser appeared and took his seat.

After Prayers by the President, the Convention adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

Thursday, February 14th, 1856.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Wm. B. W. Howe.

The Bishop then delivered his Primary Charge.

After a short recess, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, the Roll called, and a quorum of both orders found present.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The names of members absent yesterday were called, and the Rev. Messrs. B. Johnson, Fell, Sams and Roberts appeared and took their seats.

Also, Messrs. Dr. M. Reynolds, J. J. R. Westcoat, Young, Memminger, Whaley, L. Jervey, Dr. Barker, Dr. Huger, George S. Bryan, and Brewster.

The Rev. Charles Gillette, of the Diocese of Texas, was present.

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported in favor of Messrs. Dr. Wm. Reynolds, Capt. A. R. Taylor, and Col. F. Hampton. Delegates from Trinity Church, Columbia. Messrs. J. A. Calhoun, E. Noble, and J. C. Calhoun, Delegates from Trinity Church, Abbeville; and Messrs. J. F. Pyatt, J. Rees Ford, B. H. Wilson, and J. G. Henning as Delegates from Prince George's, Winyaw.

Messrs. F. Hampton, Dr. Reynolds, Pyatt and Calhoun were present, and took their seats.

The Resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Lesesne, came up for consideration, and was passed.

The election of the Standing Committee was ordered, and Tellers appointed, viz: The Rev. Dr. Marshall, and the Rev. Mr. Drayton for the Clergy, and Messrs. J. Harleston and Sinkler for the Laity.

The application of Trinity Church, Black Oak, to be received into union with the Convention, was called up for consideration, and having been amended, referred to the proper Committee, and favorably

reported on, said Church was, on motion, accordingly received into union with the Convention.

The application of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Yorkville, for admission, was received and referred to the Committee on the admission of Churches.

The election of Deputies to the General Convention was then ordered, and Tellers appointed for the votes of the Clergy, the Rev. Messrs. Trapier and J. H. Cornish; and for the Laity, Messrs. Sass and Blacklock.

Certificates were presented, referred and approved in favor of Julian H. Porcher and Dr. René Ravenel, as Delegates from Trinity Church, Black Oak.

The Tellers reported that the following gentlemen were elected in both orders as a Standing Committee of the Diocese, for the ensuing year, viz :

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.	Dr. I. M. Campbell,
“ P. Trapier,	James H. Ladson,
“ P. T. Keith,	H. D. Lesesne,
“ J. B. Campbell,	Edward McCrady,
“ J. A. Shanklin,	C. G. Memminger.

On motion of the Rev. A. Glennie, the subject of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, was referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. A. Glennie, the Rev. Dr. Hanckel, and the Rev. E. Reed.

The Committee on the Admission of Churches, reported in favor of the application of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Yorkville, which was accordingly, on motion, received into union with the Convention.

The Quotas of Churches and Parishes, to the expenses of Convention, were called for.

The President re-called the appointment of the Rev. James Stoney, M. D. as alternate Preacher before the next Convention, and appointed the Rev. A. Gregg in his stead.

The Committee on the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, reported as follows :

Report of Committee on General Theological Seminary.

In Article III. of the Constitution, we read : “ Every Diocese shall be entitled to one Trustee for every eight Clergymen in the same; and to one additional Trustee for every two thousand dollars of moneys in any way given or contributed in the same to the funds of the Seminary, until the sum amounts to ten thousand dollars; and one additional Trustee for every ten thousand dollars of contributions and donations, as aforesaid exceeding that sum.”

The number of the Clergy is 70.

Amount contributed by the Diocese,.....	\$14,549 65
Avails of the Kohne Legacy, (½).....	45,000 00

\$59,549 65

Therefore this Diocese is entitled to

- 1 Trustee for the Diocese.
- 8 Trustees, being one for every eight Clergymen.
- 5 " " " " each \$2,000, up to \$10 000.
- 4 " " " " " \$10,000 remaining.

18 Total number.

But as the General Convention will act upon the claim of this Diocese to the half of the Kohne Legacy, they nominate fourteen Trustees, to which the Diocese is entitled, and four others in case the claim of the Diocese is recognized, viz :

Rev. Paul Trapier,
 " C. Hanckel, D. D.
 " J. R. Walker, D. D.
 " A. Glennie,
 " W. H. Barnwell,
 " P. J. Shand,
 " E. Reed,

Rev. J. B. Campbell,
 Mr. N. R. Middleton,
 " R. W. Barnwell,
 " C. G. Memminger,
 " R. F. W. Allston,
 " B. Huger, M. D.
 " W. E. Martin.

Additional 4.

Rev. Wm. Dehon,
 " J. S. Hanckel,

Mr. Ch. Sinkler,
 " J. J. P. Smith.

The Report was adopted, and the fourteen first named Trustees directed to be nominated to the General Convention; and the four last named, in like manner to be nominated in case the General Convention agrees to one half of the Kohne Legacy, being credited to this Diocese.

The Tellers on the election of Deputies to the General Convention, reported the following gentlemen as elected by a majority in both orders, viz :

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.
 " Paul Trapier,
 " P. J. Shand,
 " E. Reed,

Hon. R. F. W. Allston,
 Dr. Benjamin Huger,
 Edward McCrady,
 H. D. Lesesne.

The Finance Committee reported as follows :

The Committee on Finance, beg leave respectfully to report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and found the same to be correct and properly vouched, showing a balance of \$24.17 100 at credit.

They have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the "Bishop's Convention Fund for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund," and found the same to be correct, properly vouched, and the securities produced. The Treasurer, during the past year, has invested one thousand dollars in City of Charleston 6 per cent. Stock, for \$1,098.91-100, purchased at \$91 for \$100 of Scrip, and which investment they approve of, leaving a balance of \$13.73-100 at debit of the account.

The quotas of the respective Churches, towards the Bishop's Common Fund, have been paid up for the past season, with the following exceptions:

Trinity Church, Columbia,.....	\$50	Church of the Advent, }	
Christ Church, Greenville,....	10	Spartanburg, }\$5
St. John's, Winnsboro',.....	10	Calvary Ch. Glenn Springs,....	5
St. Matthew's,.....	10	St. Thaddæus, Aiken,.....	5
St. James's, Goose Creek,....	10	Zion Church, Richland,.....	5
		Trinity Church, Abbeville,....	5
		Church of the Redeemer, } 5
		Orangeburg, }	
Making a total of.....	\$120		\$30

They further beg leave to report on the subject of the Bishop's Salary, that since the last meeting of the Convention, Mrs. Kohne's legacy amounting to \$9,690.28 having been paid and invested; the two funds intended to produce an income to provide for the Bishop's salary, have been materially benefited, as well as by the subscriptions so judiciously bestowed by individuals for the latter purpose.

At present, the nett Income of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, derived from Interest and Dividends, is about \$2450 00

And, the nett Income of the Convention Fund, for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, is about 950 00

Making, \$3,400 00

The Salary, last year, has been provided for by the Income of the Bishop's Common Fund, derived from the Quotas of the Churches and the individual subscriptions, instead of any part of the Income of the Bishop's Permanent Fund being used for that purpose, as heretofore.

The Individual Subscriptions referred to amount now to about \$2,900, from the following Congregations:

St. Michael's Ch. (Charl'n.)	\$245	St James's, Santee,	\$ 50
St. John's, Berkley,.....	315	Trinity Church, Society Hill,	110
All Saint's, Waccamaw....	215	St. Mark's, Clarendon,	50
Pineville, & Upper St. John's,	80	Zion Church, Richland,.....	50
St. Philip's Charleston,....	852	Grace Church, Camden,.....	50
Church Messiah. N Santee,	50	Prince Frederick's, Pee Dee,	95
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough,	90	St. Andrew's.....	10
Prince George, Winyaw,	316	St. James's, James Island,....	45
		St. Peter's, Charleston,	250
		Trinity Church, Edgefield,....	20
	\$2,163 50		
	730		
			\$730
	2,893 50		

It, therefore, only requires about \$700 more of private subscriptions to make up the amount of Salary as last voted by the Convention,

(\$3,500) ; to raise which your Committee feel very confident thirty subscribers can be found in our Church, at \$25 per annum, and by thus being enabled to invest the several Incomes of the Permanent and Convention Funds, together with the Quotas of the several Churches, it will not require more than three years more to secure a clear Income of \$4000 per annum, and relieve not only the individual subscribers, but also the Churches from any further contributions, towards an object that must so strongly commend itself to every well-wisher of the Church.

The Committee further recommend that the Bishop's Salary for the present year shall be \$3,500, to be paid to him quarterly, by the Treasurer of the Bishop's Common Fund, out of the income of said Fund.

The Committee also recommend the adoption of the additional Section to Canon III of 1855, which was referred to them for consideration.

All which is respectfully reported,

J. F. BLACKLOCK, } Committee
JNO. M. DESAUSSURE, } on Finance.

February 14th, 1856.

The Report was accepted, and the additional Section to Canon III of 1855 passed.

The Treasurer of the Bishop's Funds, reported as follows :

DR. *Bishop's Permanent Fund in account with JOHN HANCKEL, Treasurer.* CR.

1855.		1855.	
To Investments,.....	\$11,819 99	By Balance from last year, ..	\$ 1,121 10
" Incidental Expenses,.....	117 31	" Interest and Dividends, ..	2,336 35
" Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	1,210 43	" Legacies,.....	9,690 28
	\$13,147 73		\$13,147 73

DR. *The Bishop's Convention Fund for the Increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund in account with JOHN HANCKEL, Treasurer.* CR.

1855 and 1856.		1855 and 1856.	
To Investments,.....	\$1,000 00	By Balance from last account, ..	\$ 23 04
" Incidental Expenses,.....	50 69	" Interest and Dividends collected,.....	1,013 92
	\$1,050. 69	" Balance at debit,.....	13 73
			\$1,050 69

JOHN HANCKEL, Treasurer.

DR. *Bishop's Common Fund, in account with JOHN HANCKEL, Treasurer.* CR.

1855.		1855.	
To Balance at debit		By Cash received for quotas from the fol-	
last year,.....	\$ 58 76	lowing Churches:	
" paid the Bishop of		Grace Ch. Charleston, 1854 & 1855, \$200.00	
the Diocese, four		Trinity Church, Society Hill,..... 10.00	
quarters' salary, ..	3,500 00	St. Michael's, Charleston,..... 300.00	
" Incidental expen-		St. Helena, St. Helena Island, ... 10.00	
ses,.....	183 00	St. Helena, Beaufort,..... 35.00	
" Balance in Treas-		St. John's Berkley,..... 50.00	
urer's hands,....	86 36	Prince George, Win yaw,..... 50.00	
		St. Mark's, Clarendon,..... 10.00	
		Grace Church, Camden,..... 30.00	
		Trinity Church, Edgefield,..... 5.00	
		Church Messiah, North Santee, .. 10.00	
		St. Paul's, Stono,..... 5.00	
		Pineville and Upper St. John's, .. 20.00	
		St. Paul's Church, Pendleton,.... 10.00	
		St. John's, Colleton,..... 50.00	
		St. James's, Santee,..... 20.00	
		Church, Edisto Island,..... 50.00	
		St. Luke's,..... 15.00	
		St. David's, Cheraw,..... 10.00	
		Ch. Holy Trinity, Grahamville, .. 15.00	
		Christ Church,..... 5.00	
		St. Bartholomew's,..... 25.00	
		Christ Ch. Wilton, 1854 and 1855, 30.00	
		St. James's, James Island,..... 5.00	
		Church Holy Cross, Claremont, .. 20.00	
		St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro', 150.00	
		Prince Frederick's,..... 10.00	
		Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, .. 5.00	
		St. Peter's Church, Charleston, .. 150.00	
		St. Thomas & St. Dennis's,..... 20.00	
		St. Philip's, Charleston,..... 250.00	
		Prince William's, 1854 and 1855, .. 20.00	
		Total from Churches,.....	\$1,595 00
		By Cash received for Subscriptions to the	
		Bishop's Salary:	
		All-Saints', Waccamaw, 12 contri-	
		butions, 215.00	
		St. James's, Santee, 9 cont'butions, 45.00	
		St. John's Berkley, 20..... "..... 425.00	
		St. Michael's, 16..... "..... 255.00	
		St. Philip's, \$198.12 collection, and	
		24 contributions, \$655,..... 853.12	
		Zion Ch. Richland, 1 contribution, 50.00	
		Grace Ch. Camden, 1..... "..... 50.00	
		St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro', 2 "..... 45.00	
		Prince Frederick's, 3..... "..... 95.00	
		Society Hill, 3..... "..... 110.00	
		Ch. Messiah, N. Santee, 1..... "..... 50.00	
		Pineville & Upper St. John's, 1	
		contribution,..... 30.00	
		St. Andrew's, 1 contribution,..... 10.00	
		Total by Subscriptions,.....	2,233 12
	\$3,828 12		\$3,828 12

The Report was accepted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, reported as follows:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they find the following remaining for consideration at this Convention:

On page 31 of the Journal the subject of the Memorial from Greenville was postponed to the next Convention.

On page 37, the proposed alteration of the 12th Article of the Constitution was postponed to the next Convention.

On page 42 is found the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of one Clergyman and two Laymen be appointed to prepare and submit to the next Convention, a form whereby congregations wishing to be organized, may be incorporated by the Legislature of this State, under a general Act, on complying with certain specified conditions: in order that when said form shall have been approved by the Convention, application shall be duly made for its legislative enactment."

The Rev. P. Trapier and Messrs. McCrady, Memminger and Bryan were appointed the Committee.

In behalf of the Committee,

C. P. GADSDEN, *Chairman*.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address as follows:

Brethren of the Convention,—I present to you an account of my official acts since our last annual Convention.

On Saturday, 17th of February, 1855, in St. Paul's Church, in this city, I confirmed 3 white persons and 11 colored. On the same day, confirmed in private, 1 sick white person, belonging to the congregation of the Holy Communion.

Sunday, 18th.—Forenoon, preached in St. Paul's Church, and afterwards confirmed in private, 1 sick white person, belonging to the same. Afternoon, in St. John's Chapel, preached and confirmed 13 white persons and 7 colored. I was pleased to observe here, increased tokens of good, and to be informed of an advancing religious spirit. At night, in St. Stephen's Chapel, preached and confirmed 11 white and 1 colored.

Tuesday, 20th.—Accompanied by Rev. Messrs. Gadsden and James H. Elliott, I proceeded to the parish of Upper St. John's, Berkley. At night on the plantation of Mr. Thos. W. Porcher, held divine service, and Mr. Gadsden preached.

Wednesday, 21st.—Held divine service at the Church of the Epiphany in said parish, and Rev. Mr. Elliott preached, we were, here, joined by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Dehon. At night, at Mr. Porcher's plantation, held divine service again. I preached and confirmed 3 colored persons. I feel that it would not be proper to pass over my visit to this plantation, without noticing the particular atten-

tion paid to the religious instruction of the slaves, and especially the daily catechetical instructions imparted to the young, by the mistress of the family.

Thursday, 22d.—At night, we held divine service on the plantation of Mr. W. Sinkler, with the slaves of himself and his brother, Mr. C. Sinkler. Rev. Mr. Gadsden preached to a large number, and I confirmed 4 colored.

Friday, 23d.—Rev. Messrs Gadsden and Elliott went to the plantation of Mrs. Marion, and at night, held divine service, and Mr. Elliott preached. Rev. Mr. Dehon and myself, went to the plantation of Mrs. Palmer, at night, Mr. Dehon preached, and I confirmed 9 colored.

Sunday, 25th.—We all met in Pineville in St. Stephen's parish, and were joined by Rev. Mr. Potter. The first duty of the day, was the sad one of the Rector's, Rev. Mr. Dehon, performing the funeral service over the mortal remains of one of the oldest and most respected parishioners, Mr. Wm. DuBose. After which divine service was held, I preached and confirmed 4 white persons, and 1 colored.

Afternoon, Messrs. Dehon and Elliott went to the Bellisle plantation, where they held service, and Mr. Elliott preached. Rev. Mr. Gadsden and myself went to the plantation of Mr. Mazyck Porcher, where Mr. Gadsden preached. At night, held divine service at the same place, and Mr. Elliott preached. Here I was glad to meet my colored friends of the past year, and particularly the patriarch of the flock.

Tuesday, 27th.—At Trinity Church, Black Oak, Rev. Mr. Potter read the service, and I preached. At night, at the plantation of Mr. S. DuBose, Mr. Gadsden preached, and I confirmed 7 colored. This was the last service at which the brethren from Charleston were present. During this whole visitation, the weather was very unpleasant, generally intensely cold; but fellowship in a good work and in the bonds of Christian love, made all cheerful and happy, both clerical and lay. And it is one among many evidences of the benefit of the brethren of the Church meeting more together.

Thursday, 1st of March.—In lower St. John's, Berkley. At night, with the Rev. Mr. Howe, Rector of the Parish, held divine service at the plantation of Mr. Wm. Ball, preached and confirmed 11 colored persons.

Saturday, 3d.—At night, at the plantation of Mr. White preached and confirmed 20 colored.

Sunday, 4th.—Forenoon, at Biggin Church, Mr. Howe read service, and I preached and confirmed 1 white, and 8 colored persons. Afternoon, rode down to Strawberry Chapel, 10 miles, where a large congregation of colored persons were assembled. Mr. Howe read the service and baptized. I preached and confirmed 37 colored. There was here to be observed a manifest improvement in the

religious condition of the blacks, this parish, and the last visited show plainly the necessity and benefit of constant and laborious attention to their spiritual interests.

Saturday, 10th.—At St. Mark's Church, Clarendon, consecrated to the service of Almighty God, St. Mark's Church. Rev. Mr. Reed, the Rector, and Rev. Mr. J S. Hanckel, being present. Mr. Reed preached the consecration sermon. At the same time I confirmed 1 white person and 1 colored.

Sunday, 11th.—In the same parish, at St. Mark's Chapel, I preached and ordained to the order of Deacons, Mr. J. V. Welch.

Sunday, 18th.—St. James's Church, South Santee, in the forenoon preached in the Parish Church. In the afternoon preached at a Chapel in the neighborhood, to a very large congregation of colored persons, and confirmed 88 colored, Rev. Mr. Hyatt, the Rector, being present and assisting on each occasion.

Friday, 23d.—At North Santee, preached to the slaves on the plantation of Mr. Ladson.

Sunday, 6th.—In the forenoon, preached in the building, used for that purpose; a new Church is now completed and ready for consecration. Afternoon, preached in the Chapel on the plantation of Mr. Simons Lucas to a large and attentive congregation of colored persons. This parish is more united and in a better religious condition than it has been for years. The work of instruction and improvement is advancing among the slaves, and all things promise years of usefulness to the present Rector.

Thursday, 29th.—In the parish of All Saints, Waccamaw. At night, at the plantation of Mr. Pinckney Alston, Rev. Messrs. Glennie and Girardeau being present, I preached and confirmed 19 colored.

Friday, 30th.—At the plantation of Mr. Plowden Weston, we were joined by Rev. Mr. Howard. In the afternoon, Mr. Glennie examined the colored children. At night, Mr. Glennie preached, and I confirmed 4 colored persons.

Saturday, 31st.—Rev. Messrs. Howard, Glennie and myself examined Rev. Mr. Girardeau for Priest's orders. We were prevented by the inclemency of the weather from fulfilling an appointment at night, on one of the neighboring plantations.

Sunday, 1st of April.—In the parish Church, present Rev. Messrs. Howard, Glennie, Girardeau and Lance, we held divine service, I preached and ordained to the order of Priests, Rev. Mr. Girardeau. At the same time, I confirmed 2 white persons of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw, and 18 colored persons of this parish. At night, at the Laurel Hill plantation, Mr. Girardeau preached to the colored congregation.

Monday, 2d.—In the morning, at the same plantation, Mr. Glennie examined the large class of young colored persons, whose familiar knowledge of the rudiments of Christianity is the proof of the unceasing attention of their Mistress and Rector. On the

same morning, about two miles distant, before a number of interested spectators, I delivered an address and laid the corner-stone of the Church of St. John, the Evangelist. In the afternoon, at the plantation of Mr. Motte Alston, in Horry District, Mr. Glennie examined the children. At night, I preached and confirmed 1 colored person.

Wednesday, 4th.—In the parish of All Saints, preached at the lower Church.

Thursday, 5th.—In Prince George's parish, Georgetown, in the Parish Church, Rev. Mr. Howard, the Rector, performing divine service, I preached and confirmed 3 white and 4 colored persons.

Friday, 6th.—Good Friday.—I preached in the same Church in the forenoon. At night, on the plantation of Dr. Sparkman, in the parish of Prince Frederick, Pee Dee, I preached to the slaves of the plantation.

Saturday, 7th.—In the same parish, on the plantation of Mr. Read, I preached and confirmed 1 colored.

Sunday, 8th.—Easter.—Preached at the parish Church, and administered the Holy Communion, Rev. Mr. Hunter, the Rector, reading service and assisting. Afternoon, preached at the lower plantation of Hon. R. F. W. Allston.

Sunday, 22d of April.—At Edisto Island, forenoon, preached in the parish Church, and confirmed 2 white and 11 colored persons. In the afternoon, preached to the blacks on the plantation of Mr. Ephraim Bainard.

Monday, 23d.—Preached at the Parish Church, and confirmed 2 white persons.

Wednesday, 25th.—Preached in Christ Church, Wilton.

Sunday, 29th.—Forenoon, preached in Edmondsbury Chapel, St. Bartholemew's Parish. In the afternoon, preached in the negro chapel of Rev. Stephen Elliott, Combahee.

Sunday, April 6th.—In St. Peter's Church, Charleston, in the forenoon, preached and confirmed 15 white persons. In the afternoon, in Grace Church, preached and confirmed 21 white, and 1 colored. At night, preached again, in St. Peter's.

Monday, 7th.—Forenoon, at St. Michael's Church; divine service was held, and I confirmed 10 white persons. Of whom two belonged to St. Philip's. At night, attended a meeting of the Church Home, and was glad to find this valuable institution of the Church free of debt, and advancing, successfully in its ends of charity.

Sunday, 13th.—In Grace Church, Camden, I had the pleasure of greeting my brethren, Messrs. Trapier, Elliott, Gadsden, Prentiss, Lucas and Wigfall. In the forenoon, I ordained to the order of Priests, Rev. A. Toomer Porter, Rev. Mr. Trapier preaching the ordination sermon. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Prentiss preached, and at night, the Rev. Mr. Gadsden. Rev. Messrs. Elliott and Wigfall preached on the previous day. I hope I may be per-

mitted to speak of this, as another instance of the benefit of brethren meeting together, and to say, that if our brethren were as much pleased with us in Camden, as we were with them, it will be the earnest of another visit.

Sunday, 20th.—At Society Hill, preached in Trinity Church, both forenoon and afternoon.

Wednesday, 23d.—At Mar's Bluff, in the forenoon preached to the white congregation, and confirmed 1 white person. At night, preached to a large congregation of slaves and confirmed 1 colored.

Saturday, 26th.—At Cheraw, forenoon, I preached. At night, Rev. Mr. Howe preached.

Sunday, 27th.—Present with myself, Rev. Messrs. Curtis, Howe, Gregg and Moore. Forenoon, I ordained to the order of Priests, Rev. Augustus Moore, Rev. Mr. Curtis preached the ordination sermon. Afternoon, I preached and confirmed 8 white and 3 colored persons. At night, Rev. Mr. Howe preached. The Church at this place seems to be steadily advancing.

Saturday, 23d of June.—In Grahamville, preached in the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 24th.—Preached in the same Church and confirmed 1 white person. Afternoon, preached in a free Chapel, to a congregation of colored persons. At night, preached again in the Church.

Monday, 25th.—Preached again in the Church at night.

Wednesday, 27th.—In Bluffton, at night, preached in the Chapel of the Cross.

Saturday, 30th.—At night, preached and confirmed 5 white persons.

Sunday, 1st of July.—Forenoon, preached again in Bluffton, and also at night. In the afternoon, preached at the Chapel, two miles distant, and confirmed 8 colored persons.

Tuesday, 3d.—At Beaufort, preached in the forenoon and at night.

Thursday, 5th.—Preached again in the forenoon.

Friday, 6th.—Forenoon, preached and confirmed 14 white persons. The white congregation here, is in its usual flourishing condition. It has been found difficult to reorganize the Mission for colored people, in the neighborhood of Beaufort, owing to the plantations being so far apart and to the difficulties of access.

Sunday, 8th.—At St. Helena Island, in the forenoon, preached in the Parish Church, and in the Chapel in the village.

Tuesday, 10th.—In the Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston, preached and confirmed 4 white persons.

Saturday, 21st.—In Walterboro', preached in the forenoon and at night.

Sunday, 22d.—Preached and confirmed 4 white and 3 colored. Preached again in the afternoon and at night. The congregations were full and attentive.

Friday, 27th.—In Greenville, at night, divine service was held and Rev. Mr. McCollough preached.

Saturday, 28th.—Forenoon, I preached. At night, Rev. A. Cornish. I was gratified at the unexpected meeting of my Rt. Rev. Brother Bishop Atkinson of North-Carolina, who was on his way to his own diocese, but being detained spent Sunday with us.

Sunday, 29th.—Divine service, Bishop Atkinson preached.—In the afternoon, I met and addressed the children of the Sunday School. At night, I preached and confirmed 5 white persons. There were present on this occasion, Bishop Atkinson, the Rev. Messrs. Arthur, McCollough, Wagner, A. Cornish and myself, and I wish to observe, what I apply also to every meeting of the like kind, that we have found nothing so promotive of a good understanding among brethren, and so advancing to the Church's interests in the up country, as this meeting of the brethren with the Bishop on his visitations.

Thursday, 2d of August.—At Glenn Springs, held divine service, and administered the Holy Communion, the Rev. Mr. McCollough, present and assisting. I preached.

Sunday, 5th.—At Spartanburg, forenoon, I preached, and the Holy Communion was administered. Afternoon, preached again. At night, I preached and confirmed 5 white persons.

Monday, 6th.—At Unionville, at night, I preached and confirmed 1 white person.

Tuesday, 7th.—Forenoon, Rev. Mr. Wagner preached, and two white infants were baptized by Rev. Mr. Bland, the Missionary in charge. This is the first year, there has been an appointed Missionary, and that it was ever visited by a Bishop. The corner stone of the Church has been laid, and the Church is now in progress. We may, now, consider the Church as fixed in Unionville.

Wednesday, 8th.—In Chesterville, at night, Rev. Mr. Gibson preached.

Thursday, 9th.—Forenoon, I preached. Afternoon, Rev. Mr. Gibson preached. At night, I preached again. The congregations were large and very attentive. Present, Rev. Messrs. Seely, Gibson, and myself. This place is now under the Missionary charge of the Rev. Mr. Gibson, and the prospects of the Church are more hopeful than at any previous time.

Sunday, 12th.—In Columbia, in the lecture room of the Church of the Mediator, preached both forenoon and afternoon. This Church is struggling with the difficulties incident to a new parish. But the faithfulness of its tried friends, and the ceaseless labors of its devoted pastor, give assurance of its effectual establishment and success.

Friday, 24th.—At Newberry, divine service at night, Rev. E. E. Bellinger preached.

Saturday, 25th.—Rev. Benjamin Johnson preached.

Sunday, 26th.—Present, Rev. Messrs. Bellinger, B. Johnson,

Ed. Walker and myself. Forenoon, the Church was consecrated to the service and worship of Almighty God, I preached. Afternoon, Rev. Mr. Bellinger preached, and I confirmed 7 white persons. At night, divine service was held, and I preached. The congregations were large, attracted in part, probably, by the novelties of the scene, the Episcopal Church being new among them. We have reason to believe that an impression favorable to our Church, was made upon their minds.

Monday, 27th.—In company with Rev. Ed. Walker visited the long neglected Church of the Epiphany in Laurens. The congregation had deserted it, and the grass had to be hoed down before the door to admit us into it. Its weather-beaten appearance, and broken panes of glass, and unprofitable silence, appealed strongly to our sympathies. At night, I preached to a pretty good congregation.

Tuesday, 28th.—Forenoon, Rev. Mr. Walker preached. At night, I preached again to a larger congregation. We were very kindly treated, and I hope to see the Church rise again in Laurens. Oh! for the men of practical understanding, and self-denying spirit and burning zeal to fill these waste places of our Zion. The work is great, but who is to do it? Let those whose consciences are interested in the inquiry make the answer.

Thursday, 30th.—In Anderson, met by the Rev. A. Cornish, held divine service and preached.

Friday, 31st.—Forenoon, preached, baptized 1 white infant, and administered the Holy Communion, Rev. Mr. Cornish assisting. At night, at Pendleton, I preached.

Saturday, 1st of September.—Preached in the forenoon in the Church at Pendleton.

Sunday, 2d.—Forenoon, preached, lectured on confirmation, and confirmed 5 white persons. At night, preached again.

Monday, 3d.—Confirmed in private, 1 sick colored person.

Tuesday, 11th.—Preached again at Anderson, at night.

Friday, 7th.—At Abbeville, met by Rev. Messrs. Benjamin Johnson, Howe, A. Cornish and Ed. Walker. Divine service was held, Rev. Mr. Cornish preached, and 1 adult was baptized.

Saturday, 8th.—Forenoon, Rev. Mr. Johnson preached. Afternoon, I preached. At night, Rev. Mr. Howe preached.

Sunday, 9th.—I preached, lectured on confirmation, and confirmed 9 white persons. Afternoon, Rev. Mr. Walker preached and I baptized two white infants. At night, Rev. Mr. Johnson, This Church has had a long struggle for ministerial services, and had been destitute for some time, preceding our visit by the death of its late Pastor, Rev. Mr. Webb. The Rev. B. Johnson was called to it, soon after our visit there. He has accepted the call, and I am happy to say, the Church is now in an advancing and prosperous state.

Saturday, 6th of October.—At Stateburg, preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, and confirmed 8 white persons.

Sunday, 7th.—Preached and confirmed 50 colored persons. At the same time, the children of the congregation were catechized by the Rector, and their whole appearance and answers indicated much careful attention paid to them by both parents and pastor. There has been devoted attention given, in this parish, to the religious interests of the slaves, by their faithful pastor. He has been seconded by his lay brethren, the owners of these slaves, and there is much promise of their spiritual improvement.

Monday, 8th.—At Bradford Springs, preached in St. Philip's Church, and confirmed 7 white persons. There is a large female school at this place, and the pupils are, very kindly permitted to attend the worship of our Church by the head of the school. The Rev. Mr. Lucas has now taken permanent charge of the Church and settled in the neighborhood. May he have many added to those who have been the first fruits of his ministry.

Thursday, 18th.—Arrived in Barnwell, accompanied by Rev. J. H. Cornish. At night, divine service was held, and I preached.

Sunday, 19th.—Rev. Mr. Cornish preached. After service, in private, baptized 1 white infant, and also administered the Holy Communion to a sick person. At night, baptized, 1 white infant. The mothers of these infants were unable to attend public service. Also held divine service, and I preached.

Saturday, 20th.—At Aiken, preached in St. Thaddæus's Church, in the afternoon.

Sunday, 21st.—Preached in the same Church, lectured on confirmation, and confirmed 8 white persons. On the same occasion, examined the children on the catechism, and was much gratified with their answers. Afternoon, prevented by the weather from holding service.

Friday, 26th.—In Charleston, confirmed 1 sick negro, belonging to Calvary Church.

Saturday, 27th.—At the Church of the Holy Communion, a very large congregation and large number of brethren of the Clergy were present. I consecrated the Church to the service of Almighty God, the brethren assisting, and Rev. Mr. Trapier preaching the consecration sermon. In the afternoon I preached in the same Church, and confirmed 5 white persons.

Sunday, 28th.—In St. Philip's Church, I preached and confirmed, 16 whites, 1 of whom belonged to St. Michael's congregation, and 14 colored. Afternoon, in Calvary Church, preached and confirmed 2 white and 13 colored. This congregation seems, now, to give promise of better things, and to reward the long and faithful labors of its pastor. At night, at St. Stephen's Chapel, preached and confirmed 8 whites.

Monday, 29th.—Confirmed in private, 1 sick servant of Calvary Church.

Tuesday, 30th.—In St. Peter's Church, preached and confirmed 3 white and 2 colored. Afternoon, confirmed 1 white and 2 colored persons, belonging to St. John's Chapel, being unable to attend Church. At night, attended meeting of the Church Home, which is continuing its even and onward course.

Thursday, 1st of November.—Confirmed in private 1 sick white person, of St. Stephen's Chapel.

Friday, 2d.—Arrived in Aiken, accompanied by Rev. J. H. Cornish and Roberts Johnson, was pleased to meet here, with Rev. Jos. R. Walker from Beaufort, and I beg to be permitted to say in passing, that I wish our brethren of the low country would go oftener into the up-country parishes. It would be for the good of all. At night, Rev. Dr. Walker preached, and had preached twice on the preceding day.

Saturday, 3d.—I preached in the forenoon, and at night, Rev. Mr. Johnson preached.

Sunday, 4th.—I preached in the forenoon, and confirmed 1 white person. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Cornish preached, and at night, Rev. Dr. Walker.

Monday, 5th.—Confirmed in private, 1 white person.

Tuesday, 6th.—At the Chapel of Mrs. Brooks in Edgefield district, I preached, and Rev. Messrs. Cornish and Johnson, examined the negroes, and lectured to them upon divine truths.

Tuesday, 13th.—Arrived in Lancaster, accompanied by Rev. J. H. Cornish, preached in the Court House, and baptized 1 white infant, Rev. Mr. Cornish, reading the service. At night, preached again to a very large and interested congregation. There has been heretofore, no representation of our Church, in Lancaster district, and there have been very few Episcopal services there. But I hope, there will soon be a Mission established there.

Thursday, 15th.—At Immanuel Church in Chester district. Rev. Mr. Cornish preached, and I baptized 1 white infant. This congregation is also destitute, but I hope to form it into a Mission in union with Lancaster.

Friday, 16th.—Yorkville. Here there were present Rev. Messrs. Gadsden, J. H. Cornish, Roberts, Wagner, Gibson, Hewitt, of North-Carolina and myself. At night, Rev. Mr. Gadsden preached.

Saturday, 17th.—I preached in the forenoon, and Rev. Mr. Cornish at night.

Sunday, 18th.—The Church was consecrated to the service of God, in the presence of a very large congregation, I preached. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Wagner preached. At night, Rev. Mr. Gadsden preached, and I lectured on confirmation, and confirmed 15 white persons.

Monday, 19th.—Forenoon, Rev. Mr. Hewitt preached. At night, I preached and confirmed 2 white persons.

Tuesday, 20th.—At night, I preached. Thus is the Church at

length permanently established in Yorkville. The ministry of Rev. Mr. Gibson, who is its Rector, has been very acceptable and successful, and all things promise well for the interest of our Zion.

Wednesday, 21st.—At Chesterville, I preached at night, Rev. Mr. Cornish reading prayers. Chesterville is now in union with Yorkville, and under the charge of Rev. Mr. Gibson.

Thursday, 22d.—At Ridgeway, in Fairfield district, in St. Stephen's Chapel, Rev. Mr. Gadsden preached, Rev. Mr. Cornish reading prayers.

Friday, 23d.—I preached and administered the Holy Communion, Rev. Messrs. Cornish and Gadsden assisting.

Saturday, 24th.—In St. John's, Winnsboro', I preached.

Sunday, 25th.—Rev. Mr. O'Bear read prayers, and I preached and confirmed 3 white persons. On the same day I baptized 2 white infants.

Saturday, January 5th, 1856.—At the negro Mission on the Savannah river—weather too unfavorable to permit any thing to be done.

Sunday, 6th.—Visited the plantation of Mr. Cheves, but disappointed in getting a congregation. At midday preached at the plantation, and confirmed 5 colored persons. I was prevented by the state of the weather from obtaining as thorough a view as I desired of this Mission, but am satisfied, it offers a field of much usefulness. There are here about 80 communicants of our Church.

Sunday, 13th.—At Sheldon Church, preached and confirmed 2 white persons.

Sunday, 20th.—In Grace Church, Camden, confirmed 3 white, and 1 colored person.

Sunday, 27th.—In St. Matthew's parish, preached, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed 1 white person.

Monday, 28th.—Administered the Holy Communion to a sick lady.

Saturday, 9th.—In St. Andrew's parish, held divine service at night, Rev. Mr. Pinckney preached.

Sunday, 10th.—Preached and administered the Holy Communion in the parish Church. Afterwards went to the Magwood Chapel, where Rev. Mr. Pinckney preached and I confirmed 4 colored persons. In the afternoon, preached in the Home Chapel and confirmed 2 colored persons.

The whole number of persons confirmed for the past year, has been—whites, 248; colored, 384. Total 632. Three Churches have been consecrated. Two persons have been ordained deacons, and, three, priests, 2 in this diocese, and 1 in Virginia, with my permission.

There are eight candidates for orders, who were candidates last year, viz: Messrs. R. W. Barnwell, H. L. Phillips, Julius W. Stuart, Charles H. Peck, Jno. M. Green, Jas. R. Sellwood, J. W. Taylor and C. E. Leverett. There have been received as can-

didates since that time, Messrs. Percival Prior, Barnwell B. Sams, — Hynds, J. Hamilton Quinby and Arthur M. Gibbes. Of these, Mr. Prior has withdrawn his name from the list of candidates, leaving the whole number remaining, 12. The Rev. Messrs. Greene and Foster have been transferred from the Diocese—one to the Diocese of Pennsylvania—the other to the Diocese of Louisiana. The Rev. Mr. Gibson has been received into this Diocese from the Diocese of Georgia. We have to lament the removal from us by death of our beloved brethren, Rev. B. C. Webb, Rev. Ed. Phillips, and Rev. Robert Henry, D. D., Thus does God speak to us, and admonish us of our own departure hence.

It is my painful duty to report to you the deposition from the sacred ministry of the Rev. Augustus L. Converse. This was done, agreeably to the Canon of 1855, of this Diocese, on the 16th of August, 1855.

Since the last Convention I have received for Missionary purposes within the Diocese, from Bluffton, \$52.50; Beaufort, \$38.41; Pee Dee, \$2.50; Edisto, \$7.59; Greenville, \$18; Spartanburg, \$6; Camden, \$125.20; Pendleton, \$6; Abbeville, \$6.10; Georgetown, \$33; a lady of St. Helena, \$20; St. Helena, \$137, 100 of which for a special purpose; St. Paul's, \$50; Sullivan's Island, \$20; Edgefield, \$20; Edisto, \$15; St. Philip's, \$36; a gentleman of St. Michael's, \$10; Advancement Society, \$150; making in all, \$753.21—which added to the amount reported last year as received, \$1090.52—makes \$1843.71 received since my consecration.

I feel it to be proper to state, also my expenditure of this fund. Up to last year there was expended \$573.50. Since that time, for Railroad ticket, \$50; for Anderson, building a Church, \$50; Mr. Hynds, a candidate for orders, \$100; Rev. Mr. Moore, Missionary at Mar's Bluff, \$100; Rev. Mr. Seely, Missionary in Chester district, \$75; Rev. Mr. Lucas, Missionary in Sumter district, \$100; Rev. Mr. Gibson, Missionary in York district, \$110; Rev. Mr. Bland, Missionary in Union district, \$200; Yorkville, for building Church, \$112; Newberry, for building Church, \$50; Rev. Mr. Johnson, special missionary visit, \$9—leaving now in my hands, \$413.21.

The Rev. J. B. Campbell offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Convention deems it expedient (1) to establish a Diocesan Theological Seminary under their control. (2) That a Committee of be appointed to report the best method of carrying into effect the above resolution.

The Rev. Mr. Pinckney moved that these resolutions be referred to a Committee of three to report thereon.

Mr. Whaley moved an adjournment to ten o'clock to-morrow morning, but withdrew his motion in order to allow the Rev. A. H. Cornish to move the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Rev. Charles Gillette be requested to address the Convention to-morrow, immediately after morning prayers.

Mr. Whaley then renewed his motion, which was carried.

After Prayers by the President, the Convention adjourned.

C. WALLACE, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 1856.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Morning Prayer and the Litany were read by the Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr.

After which the Rev. Charles Gillette addressed the Convention in behalf of St. Paul's College, a Church Institution of Texas.

After a recess, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, the Roll called, and a quorum of both orders found present.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and amended.

On motion of the Rev. A. H. Cornish,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be instructed to defray any expense attending the publication of one thousand copies of the Bishop's Charge.

Mr. Pinckney's motion of yesterday was amended so as to read "*to report to the next Convention*," and passed.

The Committee appointed under this resolution were the Rev. J. B. Campbell, the Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Jr., and Edward McCrady, Esq.

On motion of the Rev. C. P. Gadsden,

Resolved, That the next Convention of this Diocese be held in Camden, on Wednesday, the seventh (7) of May, 1857.

The Report of the Committee on unfinished business was taken up.

The Committee on the memorial from Greenville reported the following Resolution, viz :

Resolved, That a Committee of Clergymen and Laymen, with the Bishop as its Chairman, be appointed to take in charge a plan for Missions in this Diocese, under direction of this Convention, and to report to it annually.

The Rev. Mr. Arthur withdrew the above resolution, and offered the following as a substitute, viz :

Resolved, That a Committee of Clergymen and Laymen be annually appointed by this Convention, from the several parts of this Diocese, to collect funds in aid of the Missionary work of this Diocese; and that they report annually to the Convention, as to the sum raised, and as to the amounts paid over to the order of the Bishop, who is hereby authorized to draw on them for such sums, as may be actually needed for this important work.

The Rev. C. P. Gadsden moved the following Resolution as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Clerical members of this Convention be requested to use their exertions to procure subscribers for the Advancement Society in their respective parishes.

On motion of Mr. McCrady, the substitute and resolution were laid on the table.

The Rev. Dr. Hanckel moved the following which was adopted unanimously.

Whereas, Since the last meeting of the Convention, God in his Providence has been pleased to remove by death from our midst, the Rev. Benj. C. Webb, for many years, a laborious and zealous Missionary to a portion of the colored people in this Diocese; the Rev. Edward Phillips another active and faithful Missionary, the founder under God of several Churches in our Diocese, and an earnest Preacher and diligent Pastor. Also, the Rev. Robert Henry, D. D., long a distinguished Professor of the South-Carolina College and an learned and revered Presbyter of the Church in this Diocese.

Resolved, That we recognize in these afflictive dispensations, the hand of a wise and inscrutable Providence, and bow with submission to the Divine Will.

Resolved, That we recognize also in these afflictions, the call of God to us all both Clergy and Laity for a more fervent exercise of piety, and a more earnest zeal in the cause of Christ and His Church.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to the respective families of the deceased as an expression of our sympathy for their loss.

The second Resolution of the Committee on the memorial from Greenville was taken up and withdrawn.

The Rev. A. Gregg moved the following as a substitute, which was passed.

Resolved, That a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed to inquire into the practicability of establishing one or more Church Schools for boys, more especially as schools of training for the Ministry, and report to the next Convention.

The Committee are the Rev. A. Gregg, the Rev. A. Glennie, the Hon. R. F. W. Allston, and P. C. J. Weston, Esq.

The proposed alteration of the *twelfth* article of the Constitution was taken up, and withdrawn by the mover, Col. Allston.

The Committee on an Act of Incorporation for Churches, reported as follows:

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, on the *Charters of Churches*, (v. page 42 of Journal of 1855,) beg leave to report that there are in union with this Convention

I.—*Eleven* (11) Congregations, which have never been chartered, viz:

St. David's, Cheraw,	Ascension Church, Gillisonville,
Pineville and Upper St. John's,	Grace Church, Anderson,
St. John's, Fairfield,	Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg,
St. Philip's, Bradford Springs,	Christ Church, Charleston,
Emmanuel Church, Chester,	Trinity Church, Black Oak.
Zion Church, Richland,	

II.—*Eight* (8) whose charters have expired, viz:

Prince Frederick's, Peedee,	Grace Church, Sullivan's Island,
St. Paul's, Pendleton,	St. James's, James Island,
Trinity Church, Society Hill,	Holy Trinity, Grahamville,
St. Paul's, Stono,	St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.

N. B.—The Churches of St. Paul's, Stono, and St. Helena, St. Helena Island, have also irrevocable charters, (v. under V.)

III.—*Fourteen* (14) whose charters, being each for a definite time, will expire in the following years respectively, viz:

St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro', in.....	1856	Church of the Holy Communion,	
Trinity Church, Abbeville, in.....	"	Charleston, in.....	1864
St. Thaddeus, Aiken, in.....	1857	Calvary Church, Glenn Springs, in. "	
Grace Church, Camden, in.....	1858	Trinity Church, Edgefield, in.....	1865
Grace Church, Charleston, in.....	1860	Church of the Holy Apostles, Barn-	
Church of Epiphany, Laurens, in.....	1862	well, in.....	"
Trinity Church, Columbia, in.....	1864	All-Saints', Waccamaw, in.....	1866
Ch. of the Advent, Spartanburg, in "		Christ Church, Greenville, in.....	1867

N. B.—All-Saints' Parish, Waccamaw, has also an irrevocable charter, (v. under V.)

IV.—*Ten* (10) whose charters are without limitation of time, but subject to an Act of the Legislature, (A. D. 1841,) whereby they may be at any time revoked, viz:

St. Mark's, Clarendon,	Church of the Good Shepherd, Yorkville,
St. Peter's, Charleston,	Church of the Messiah, North Santee,
Christ Church, Wilton,	St. Jude's Church, Walterborough,
St. Luke's, Newberry,	Ascension Ch. St. Bartholomew's Parish.
Church of the Mediator, Columbia,	St. Paul's Church, Summerville.

V.—*Twenty-two* (22) whose charters are irrevocable, having been granted before the passage of the said Act, viz:

St. Philip's Parish, Charleston,	St. John's Parish, John's Island,
St. James's Parish, Santee,	Prince William's Parish,
St. Andrew's Parish,	St. Michael's Parish, Charleston,
St. Bartholomew's Parish,	All-Saints' Parish, Waccamaw,
Christ Church Parish,	St. Luke's Parish,
St. James's Parish, Goose Creek,	St. Matthew's Parish,
St. John's Parish, Berkley,	St. George's Parish, Dorchester,
St. Thomas and St. Dennis's Parish,	Church on Edisto Island,
St. Paul's Parish, Stono,	Claremont Church, Stateburg,
St. Helena's Parish, Beaufort,	St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island,
Prince George's, Winyaw,	St. Stephen's Parish.

Also, N. E.—*St. George's Parish, Dorchester, and St. Stephen's Parish*, though extinct ecclesiastically, are chartered irrevocably.

St. James's Parish, Santee, has only Commissioners, with power to fill vacancies in their own body.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis's Parish has a charter for the specific purpose of taking charge of a bequest.

These last two charters were granted under the colonial government of this commonwealth, when the Church of England was by law established, and have never been renewed; as have all the others thus granted.

Of the other charters, sixteen were granted under the second of the Constitutions of this State, (A. D. 1778,) when "the Christian Protestant Religion" having been constituted and declared to be the established religion of this State, and our Church, with other religious bodies, being thereby still connected with the State, the Legislature saw fit again to provide for the faithful discharge of ordination vows by the Clergy.

The remaining charters (twenty-eight) have been granted under the existing Constitution of this State, whereby "the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference," being declared to be "forever hereafter allowed to all mankind; provided that the liberty of conscience thereby declared shall not be so construed as to excuse acts of licentiousness, or justify practices inconsistent with the peace and safety of this State," our Church, of course, equally with every other body of religionists, is left of right to regulate its own ecclesiastic affairs, under the single restriction just specified.

Thus the earlier charters, it appears, were granted under a state of things which has happily passed away.

Many of the later charters, drawn up hastily, and hurried through, often amid the confusion of the closing hours of a legislative session, and in the press of other legislation, and as mere items among the clauses of Acts for other and widely different purposes, are, as is not surprising, various in their provisions, defective or redundant, placing the several congregations of our communion on terms not of equal privilege, civil or religious.

Thus, some of the charters are entirely indefinite. Others make no mention of Vestrymen or Wardens. Others invest those officers with power merely to hold and convey property, real and personal. Others empower the doing of all that shall not be contrary to the Laws of the State. Others give all powers incident to incorporation; while others specify that these be privileges of religious corporations. Others again confer all powers, which appertain to any Episcopal Church in this State.—Some enter into the qualifications of voters and officers, and the time for electing the latter; while others, especially those passed under the Constitution of 1778, empower to dismiss Ministers at pleasure. In one instance, the bye-laws, by which the Church shall in a measure be governed, may be in certain cases enacted at and by a congregational meeting of the members of the Church. One charter constitutes a close corporation, with power perpetual to fill its own vacancies—and, lastly, several congregations, with perpetual charters, have procured also charters for limited times.

Your Committee, therefore, leaving of course intact all existing charters, in hope, however, that they may, by the spontaneous action of their several corporations, be brought ultimately into agreement with each other and with principles alike of our State Constitution and of our Church; and taking for granted that it is the desire, alike of the Legislature and of this Convention, that every charter of a congregation in union with our Church should be for the purpose chiefly of securing to its members such liberty of conscience and of action as shall not be inconsistent with the peace and safety of other citizens, and should accordingly provide only that each congregation shall possess all civil privileges incident to incorporation, but be left in its religious relations to be regulated by the ecclesiastical authority which said congregation itself recognizes, do now, as instructed, submit unanimously a *Form for a General Act of Incorporation*, and in case of its adoption do recommend the passage also of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, 1st. That a Committee of Clergymen and Laymen, with the Bishop as Chairman, be appointed to present to the Legislature of this State, at its next Session, a petition for the enactment of the Form of Incorporation now adopted.

Resolved, 2d. That the action of the Legislature thereon be reported to the next ensuing meeting of this Convention; in order that, if the Act of Incorporation be accepted by the Convention, it may be printed with every succeeding Journal for the use of congregations wishing incorporation.

Resolved, 3d. That the Secretary publish with the Journal of this Convention, and of every succeeding Convention, so long as may be necessary, a list of the congregations whose charters have expired, or are to expire, with the dates of these latter; in order that the congregations therein named may apply for incorporation, under the general Act, as they may severally desire.

PAUL TRAPIER,
C. G. MEMMINGER,
EDWARD McCRA DY,
GEORGE S. BRYAN.

FORM OF ACT FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

1. That whenever twelve or more male adult persons shall associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a Church according to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the said persons may assemble together, fix upon a name, and elect a Vestry and Wardens; and upon certifying the said facts to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the District in which such Church shall be formed, and on receiving his certificate thereof, they shall become a body politic and corporate, to be known by the said name, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to the duties, incident to corporations.

2. The whole corporate authority of each corporation shall be vested in a Vestry and Wardens, to consist of not less than seven members, who shall be elected annually on Easter Monday, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until a new election, and shall have power to order elections to fill any vacancy which may occur in their own body during the year.

3. All male adults, who shall have been worshippers for three months in the Church used by the corporation, shall be deemed members of the said corporation, and entitled to vote for Vestry and Wardens.

4. The Vestry and Wardens of each corporation shall have power to assess its members, and the pews held in its Church, such reasonable rates as they shall deem requisite for the support of religious worship, the repairs of the Church buildings, and the payment of the salaries of the Minister and officers, whom the Vestry and Wardens may employ. And in case the assessment upon any pew shall not be duly paid by the holder thereof, the Vestry and Wardens may at their discretion, hire out or sell the said pew for the purpose of paying such assessment.

5. The engagement of a Minister with the Vestry and Wardens of any such corporation shall be deemed permanent, unless otherwise agreed upon between them; but it shall be within the power of either party to terminate the engagement upon giving to the other party three months previous notice.

6. Whenever the Charter now in existence of any Protestant Episcopal Church shall expire, the same may be renewed by calling a meeting of the Vestry and Wardens, or of the members of the corporation, and adopting a resolution in favor of such renewal; and upon such resolution being certified to the Clerk of the Common Pleas for the district wherein the Church is, and procuring from him a certificate of these facts, such corporation shall thereupon be renewed with all the powers and privileges, and subject to the duties herein set forth.

7. The charters secured or renewed under this Act shall be perpetual, subject however to the power of the General Assembly to repeal or alter the same.

The Report and proposed Act of incorporation were ordered to be printed in the Journal, and referred for consideration to the next Convention.

On motion of the Rev. P. Trapier,

Resolved, That a Committee of one (1) Clergymen and one (1) Layman with the Bishop as Chairman, be appointed to draw up directions, which may be used by persons, who wish to organize Congregations in union with this Convention: to prepare a form of Constitution for a Church or Parish thus organized; and to report accordingly to the next Convention.

The Committee are the Bishop, the Rev. P. Trapier and H. D. Lesesne, Esq.

The Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Churches was reconsidered in order to be amended. It was then amended by inserting in the proposed Act for Incorporation, after the words "*not less than seven members*," the words *nor more than nine*.

The Rev. E. Reed brought up the subject of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the general Convention, which were received as information.

On motion of the Rev. J. B. Campbell,

Resolved, That our Deputies to the General Convention be requested to propose therein such amendments to the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary, and especially of article vii., as to bring that Institution under the control of the General Convention.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That three (\$3) dollars per day be paid to the organist officiating during the sessions of the Convention.

Resolved, That a like sum be paid to the Sexton acting for the same period.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be placed among the Standing Resolutions.

On motion of the Rev. J. A. Shanklin,

Resolved, That nine hundred (900) copies of the Journal be printed.

Resolved, That the Secretary distribute the copies of the Bishop's Charge, along with those of the Journal, in proportion to the number of Communicants of the parishes.

The Minutes of this day were read and amended.

After Prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

THOS. F. DAVIS, *ex-officio* President.

C. WALLACE, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL, MISSIONARY AND OTHER

REPORTS, ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY ACCORDING TO THE NAMES OF
THE CLERGY.

Grace Church, Camden.

The Rt. Rev. Thos. F. Davis, D. D., Rector.

The Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—17 white children, 8 colored; adults, 1 colored; total, 26. Marriages, 2 colored. Burials, 7 white, 1 colored; total, 8. Communicants, last reported, 45 white. Admitted, 7 white. Removed, 4 white. Died, 1 white. Present number, 47 white. Children under 14, 63 white, 20 colored; total, 83. Families, 36 white, 2 colored; total, 38. Families belonging also to other Congregations of P. E. Church, 1 white. Children catechised on 15 days, 20 white, 25 colored; total 45. Sunday schools, number of teachers, 6 white, 5 colored. Number of scholars, 30 white, 40 colored; total, 70. Public Worship, Grace Church, Camden, 51 Sundays; 8 other days; whole number of times, 111. Communion Alms, \$120.42; Missions, Diocesan, \$176.39; Domestic, \$61.40; Special for Texas, \$55.00; Foreign, China, \$37.00; Jews, \$14.00; Other Church purposes, \$40.00; Sufferers in Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$77.00; total, \$581.21.

REMARKS.—The time of Confirmation in this Parish was postponed by the Bishop until January 20th, 1856; at which date four persons, (3 white, 1 colored,) received that holy rite. This fact is here mentioned, because the confirmation referred to belongs, properly, to the year for which this Report is made, although as a matter of fact it fell, by three weeks, within 1856.

A Bible Class has been formed in this Parish during the year, and steadily kept up. It consists of about 12 ladies, and is believed to be doing decided good in its sphere.

It has so happened that both the contributions for general Church Missions taken up during this year, were sent to the Domestic Treasury, as during 1854 both happened to be sent to the Foreign. But this difference has simply resulted from the fact, that the order of collections during the winter of 1854-5, was reversed, and the Fall collection was given to Foreign Missions, while that in the Spring fell to the Domestic. Neither of these objects has been neglected during the two years.

Besides the services above reported, the Assistant Minister has held service and preached in Abbeville thrice, (on 2 days, one of them a

Sunday); and in Winnsborough twice, (Sunday). These Parishes had for some time been destitute of the services of a regular Pastor. His visits to them were made at the request of the Bishop, and during the presence of the latter in Camden; so that the services of Grace Church were not interrupted.

One public service a month has been given to the colored people. They have also been requested to meet the Assistant Minister at his house weekly, for counsel and prayer; an invitation which has not been wholly neglected. The colored Sunday School has been regularly continued, notwithstanding some difficulties, and the attendance of the children is encouraging.

Christ Church, Greenville.

The Rev. Thos. S. Arthur, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 10 white children, 10 colored; total, 21. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 8 white. Communicants, last reported, 64 whites, 8 colored; total, 72; Admitted, 9 white; Removed, 2 colored; Withdrew, none; Died, none; Suspended, none; Present number, 70 white, 6 colored; total, 76. Non-communicants, 80 white, 10 colored; total, 90. Children under 14 years, 84 white, 8 colored; total, 92. Families, 52 white, 6 colored; total, 58. Children catechised on 11 days, 20 white, 8 colored; total, 28. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white. Sunday School Teachers, 10 white. Number of Scholars, 35 white. Public Worship, Christ Church, Greenville, 50 Sundays and 30 other days; whole number of times, 130. Communion Alms, \$119.42½; Missions, Diocesan, \$56.30; Parochial Schools, \$40.00; total, \$215.72½.

REMARKS.—The Holy Communion has been administered by the Rector twelve times, by the Bishop, one time; total 13.

In the Report of this Parish as given in the Journal for last year, the confirmations are omitted. They were: white, 13; colored, 4; total 17.

The Rector has held service and preached at Spartanburg, Union, Abbeville, and Petersburg, Va.

*Report of the Rev. W. H. Barnwell, Presbyter, for the year ending
December 31st, 1855.*

During the past year I have resided chiefly on my own plantation, but have rendered to the Rev. Dr. Walker, of Beaufort, such occasional aid as he asked for. In his absence, I solemnized one marriage of white persons in his congregation, and have buried two negroes of my own.

Trinity Church, Edgefield.

The Rev. E. E. Bellinger, Rector and Missionary.

The Rev. C. B. Walker, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 3 white children; total, 4. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, last reported, 14 white, 1 colored; total, 15. Admitted, 2 white, 1 colored; total, 3. Removed, 1 white. Withdrew, 1 white. Present number, 14 white, 2 colored; total, 16. Non-communicants, 28 white. Children, under 14, 42 white, 3 colored; total, 45. Families, 18 white, 1 colored; total, 19. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white, 1 colored; total, 3. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 3 whites. Number of scholars, 20 whites, 2 colored; total, 22.—Subjects of instruction, Bible questions; Church catechism; Watt's catechism; Jones's catechism, for negroes. Public Worship, Trinity Church, Edgefield, 46 Sundays; 78 other days; whole number of times 171; number of times preached, 138. Church of the Redeemer, Mrs. Brook's, 3 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 10; number of times preached, 10. Mrs. Cochrane's house, 36 other days; whole number of times, 36; number of times preached, 36. General summary, 49 Sundays; 115 other days; whole number of times, 217; number of times preached, 184. Communion Alms, \$50.00; Diocesan missions, \$20.00; domestic missions, \$30.00; foreign missions, \$20.00; other Church purposes, \$125.00; total, \$245.00.

REMARKS.—In addition to the services reported above, I preached in Walterboro' on two Sundays, and four other days, in all ten times; in Newberry on one Sunday, and two other days, in all two times; and assisted in service on two other occasions. All at the request of the Rectors or Vestry. In Walterboro', with the assent of the Vestry, acting for the Parish Rector, I baptized two white children, and three colored. I also administered the communion once in public, and once in private to a sick person, eight others being present and communicating. The three burials reported, were of persons not connected with the Episcopal Church. On 33 occasions in which I had service in Trinity Church, Edgefield, I did not preach 19 times. I read from the book of Homilies. Ten times brethren preached for me, and four times I only read the prayers, psalms and lessons.

Late Missionary to Unionville,

The Rev. C. T. Bland.

Divine services have been held at Unionville on seven Sundays, fourteen times; on three other days, three times—one of which includes the laying of the corner stone, on the first day of May. Four white children have been baptized, Holy Communion once. Considerable progress has been made in quarrying and cutting stone for the Church.

During the present year, I have assisted the Rector of St. Thad-

dæus's Church, Aiken, on six occasions ; the Rector of Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, on eighty-eight occasions ; the Rector of Christ Church, Greenville, on four occasions.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. J. Barnwell Campbell, Rector.

The Rev. Christopher P. Gadsden, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—3 colored adults ; 27 white children ; 21 colored children ; total, 51. Marriages, 6 white ; 5 colored ; total, 11. Burials, 29 white ; 6 colored ; total, 35. Communicants, last reported, 282 white ; 90 colored ; total 372. Admitted, 18 white ; 14 colored ; total, 32. Removed, 12 white ; 1 colored ; total, 13. Died, 7 white. Present number, 313 white ; 115 colored ; total, 428. Congregation, non-communicants, 191 white. Children under 14, 234. Families, 181. Children catechised every Lord's day. Confirmed by the Bishop, 17 white, 14 colored ; total, 31. *Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 6 colored. Number of scholars 28. Subjects of instruction, *White School*. Church catechism, Collects, Nicholl's Help to reading the Bible, Union Questions on the Bible, Hymns in prayer book, and Watts's Hymns for children. *Colored School*.—Church catechism, Union Bible Questions, Watts's Hymns, Collects, and Hymns from prayer book. Public Worship, St. Philip's Church, Charleston, 52 Sundays ; 136 other days ; whole number of times, 242. Communion Alms, \$1,230.20 ; Diocesan Missions, \$758.89½ ; Domestic Missions, \$441.35¾ ; Foreign Missions, \$813.92 ; total missions, \$2003.17¼ ; add \$11.00 for China, by Sunday School, total, \$2014.17¼ ; for sufferers in Norfolk, of Yellow Fever, \$183.25 ; other Church purposes, \$853.25 ; total, \$4,280.87¼.

REMARKS.—In the amount recorded above of the Communion Alms, \$1109.91 was contributed by the whites at the Communion ; \$59.97 was contributed by the colored members ; \$15.12 was deposited in the Alms chest, and \$5 handed the Rector for the poor ; and the balance was derived from other Church funds for the poor.

In the above Missionary report the colored members of St. Philips contributed \$6.21 to Domestic Missions, and \$41 to Africa.

The children were catechized, both colored and white, on every Lord's day, in the Sunday School, and the latter publicly in the Church, twelve Sundays during the months of May, June, October and November.

The usual Friday morning service, during the heat of the summer, was changed to the afternoon, and a discourse, either original or selected, superadded ; during the greater part of the year. The sanctuary was opened during the week on all the Saints' days, and the Holy

* The Church catechism, in several series, published by the London Society for the diffusion of christian knowledge, and an admirable compend on the Church catechism, adapted to all ages, from the youngest to the oldest, has recently been introduced into the Sunday School.

Communion celebrated on all the great festivals. The Eucharist was also administered in private to the sick, at least, twenty times. The Bible Class under the direction of the Assistant Minister, has met weekly without interruption except the month of December.

Service has been held for the colored members of St. Philip's on every Thursday evening during the year; their attendance continues about the same as in the previous year, and their contribution to the African mission has somewhat increased.

The Missionary contributions of the whites has exceeded that in 1854, by \$361.38; and there is also in the Communion Alms a like surplus of \$87.47.

The children of the white Sunday School contributed also, to the China Mission, during the past year, eleven dollars.

Agreeably to the resolution moved by the Rector, and carried, in our last Convention, he preached a sermon in behalf of the endowment of the Episcopate, and made a collection. The collection amounted to \$198.25. He endeavored also to obtain subscribers to this object, for the next four years, agreeably to the report and suggestion of the Committee on the Episcopate, and is happy to state that to the \$400 which had been previously pledged by the members of St. Philips, he succeeded in obtaining the names of other members of the congregation to the amount of \$3700; \$655 has already been paid in to the Treasurer during the past year, and the balance will become due hereafter. In the above amount, it is proper to state, \$200 was pledged in February, 1856. The Rector hopes to obtain additional names for this object.

As a portion of the amount pledged has been paid this year, it has been included in the amount contributed to "Church purposes" already mentioned. The Rector had hoped that St. Philips alone would have pledged the ten thousand dollars, requisite to the endowment of the Episcopate; and regrets that it must now be left to other Churches to supply what the Diocese has too long neglected. He trusts, however, that the other Churches will follow and exceed the good example of the subscribers of St. Philip's, and that we shall soon see the Episcopate placed on an independent, ample and stable support.

While the past year has been free from the pestilence that has decimated some neighboring cities, it has been saddened with the removal of some of the highest ornaments of this Parish, who have entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

May these admonitions and the mercies enjoyed, be blest to the people of our charge, in their increase of every spiritual grace.

During the rage of the Yellow Fever in Norfolk and Portsmouth, a sermon was preached by the Assistant Minister, and a collection made in behalf of the sufferers, amounting to \$183.25.

The Rector was absent eight weeks, during the summer, at the Virginia Springs, on account of his health.

St. Paul's, Pendleton.

The Rev. A. H. Cornish, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults, 3 colored; children, 1 white, 18 colored; total, 24. Marriages, 4 colored. Burials, 5 white, 2 colored; total, 7. Communicants, last reported, 32 white, 5 colored; total, 37. Admitted; 12 white, 1 colored; total, 13. Removed, 5 white, 3 colored; total, 8. Died, 2 white. Suspended, 1 colored. Present number, 37 white, 2 colored; total, 39. Congregation, non-communicants, 37 white. Children under 14, 50 white. Families, 27 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 1 white. Children catechised on 26 days, 15 to 25 white; several colored. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white, 1 colored; total, 6. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 6 white. Number of scholars, 25 white; colored, uncertain. Subjects of instruction, Church catechism, "Catechisms No. 2 and 3," and "Questions on the book of common prayer." Public Worship, St. Paul's, Pendleton, 48 Sundays; 40 other days. Keowee plantation, 21 times. Elsewhere, for colored, 3 times; whole number of times, 120. Communion Alms, \$63.15; domestic missions, \$10; foreign missions, \$13; other Church purposes, \$100.17; total, \$186.32.

REMARKS.—The Rector and congregation of St. Paul's are under many obligations to a young gentleman, Mr. Benj. R. Stuart, of Charleston, who politely consented to act as Lay Reader for us on several occasions during the year. Their thanks are also due to Mrs. Robert Y. Hayne for a very much needed and appropriate piece of Church furniture, a chandelier.

Church of St. Thaddæus, Aiken.

The Rev. John H. Cornish, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 8 white children, 5 colored; total 15. Marriages, 5 white. Burials, 4 white, 1 colored; total 5. Communicants, last reported, 30 white, 2 colored; total 32. Admitted, 10 white. Removed, 2 white. Died, 5 white. Present number, 33 white, 2 colored; total, 35. Congregation, families, 25 white, 1 colored; total 26. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 1 white. Children catechised on 11 days, 27 white, 3 colored; total, 30. Confirmed by the Bishop, 8 white. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 3 white. Number of scholars, 40 white, 4 colored; total 44. Subjects of instruction, the Church catechism, and the Collects, Epistle and Gospel, for the day. Public Worship, St. Thaddæus's Church, Aiken, 48 Sundays; 52 other days; whole number of times, 137.—Communion Alms, \$86.24; Diocesan missions, Advancement Society, \$16.77; Domestic missions, \$25.27; Foreign missions, \$7.28; other Church purposes, \$800.00; total, \$935.56.

*REMARKS.—This item is what has been expended this year on the Church edifice and Church yard.

Trinity Church, Society Hill.

The Rev. M. A. Curtis, D. D., Rector.

Marriages—1 white, 3 colored; total 4. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, present number, 18 white, 3 colored; total, 21. Congregation, non-communicants, 8 white. Children under 14, 37 white. Families, 11 white. Public Worship, Trinity Church, Society Hill, 45 Sundays; 29 other days. St. David's, Cheraw, 2 Sundays. Mar's Bluff, 1 Sunday; whole number of times, 77. Contributions, Communion Alms, \$35.52½; Diocesan missions, \$15.50; Domestic missions, \$63.50; Foreign missions, \$30.00; total, \$144.52½.

St. Stephen's and Upper St. John's.

The Rev. Wm. Dehon, Rector.

Baptisms—53 colored adults; 17 white children, 33 colored; total, 103. Marriages, 3 white, 1 colored; total, 4. Burials, 10 white, 2 colored; total 12. Communicants, last reported, 69 whites, 298 colored; total, 367. Admitted, 4 white, 23 colored; total, 27. Removed, 1 white. Suspended, 1 colored. Present number, 50 white, 150 colored. Congregation, non-communicants, 47 white. Children under 14, 45 white. Families, 36 white. Children catechised on 21 days, 20 white, 70 colored. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4 white, 23 colored. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 5 white. Number of scholars, 20 white. Public Worship, St. Stephen's, 25 Sundays; 28 other days; whole number of times, 60. Trinity, 6 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 7. Epiphany, 10 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 11. Pinopolis Chapel, 1 Sunday; whole number of times, 2. Eutawville Chapel, 2 Sundays; whole number of times, 4. Total 84. Communion Alms, \$134.75; Diocesan missions, \$85; Domestic missions, \$387; Foreign missions, \$140; other Church purposes, \$57; total, \$803.75.

REMARKS.—In addition to the services above reported, there have been held on different plantations during the year, on Sundays, 50 services, and on week days, 17.

During the past year a division has taken place in this Parish. One of the congregations hitherto under my charge, having found it expedient to separate, have secured the services of a clergyman, the Rev. J. J. Sams, who will minister exclusively to them. They will hereafter constitute a distinct Parish under the name of Trinity Church, Middle St. John's. The mention of this fact will account for the alteration in the Statistics of the Parish, showing a diminution in the number of families and communicants, &c., reported for the present year.

St. Andrew's Parish.

The Rev. J. G. Drayton, Rector.

Mr. Shokes, Catechist.

Baptisms—13 colored adults. Marriages, 2 colored. Burials, 3 col-

ored. Communicants, last reported, 18 white; 132 colored; total, 150. Admitted, 3 white; 14 colored; total, 17. Removed, 30 colored. Died; 2 white; 7 colored; total, 9. Present number, 19 white; 109 colored; total, 128. Congregation, non-communicants, 27 white; colored, uncertain. Children under 14, 42 white; colored, uncertain. Families, 19 white; colored, uncertain. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 16 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 31 colored. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 7 to 8. Number of scholars, about 60. Public Worship, St. Andrew's Church, 17 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number, of times, 18. Magnolia Chapel, 22 Sundays; 9 other days, whole number of times, 31. Magwood's Chapel, 8 Sundays; whole number of times, 8. Barker's Chapel, 3 Sundays; whole number of times, 3. Communion Alms, \$19.74; Diocesan missions, none; Domestic missions, \$5; Foreign missions, \$63; total, \$87.74.

REMARKS.—From the first Sunday in June to the first Sunday in November, inclusive, I supplied the Parish of St. John's, Flat Rock, N. C., during the absence of the Rev. E. Reed, in Europe, and preached elsewhere on 24 occasions, and assisted in four other services.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

The Rev. Stephen Elliott, Rector.

Baptisms—13 colored adults; 3 white children. Burials, 3 colored. Communicants, last reported, 133 colored. Admitted, 14 colored. Died, 10 colored. Suspended, 1 colored. Present number, 14 white; 136 colored; total, 150. Congregation, non-communicants, 15 white. Children under 14, 20 white. Families, 11 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, all white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 24 colored. Public Worship, Edmondbury Chapel, 22 Sundays; whole number of times, 22. Christ Church, 30 Sundays; whole number of times, 30. Total, 52.

REMARKS.—In February I became Rector of this Parish, still retaining the charge of Christ Church, Prince William's, the Chapel for the colored people. I have given my consent to the formation of St. Jude's Church, Walterboro', into a new Parish. This report refers entirely to Edmondbury Chapel at Ashpoo, and Christ Church, near Combahee.

Christ Church Parish.

The Rev. J. R. Fell, Rector.

Baptisms—3 colored adults; 7 white children; 17 colored; total, 27. Marriages, 1 white, 3 colored; total, 4. Burials, 1 white, 6 colored; total, 7. Communicants, last reported, 35 white, 11 colored; total, 46. Admitted, 2 white, 1 colored; total 3. Died, 1 white. Present number, 36 white, 12 colored; total, 48. Congregation, non-communicants, 16 white. Children under 14, 48 white. Families, 22 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 6 white. Children catechised on 3 Sundays, 12 white. Sunday

School, number of teachers, 6 white. Number of scholars, 37 white. Subjects of instruction, Bible, Catechism, Collects, and Hymns. Public Worship, Parish Church, 25 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times, 27. St. Andrew's Chapel, 48 Sundays; 7 other days; whole number of times, 55. Plantations, whole number of times, 16. Communion Alms, \$47.94; Domestic missions, \$17.76; Foreign missions, \$20; total, \$85.70.

REMARKS.—I felt encouraged last summer by the large increase in the Sunday School attached to the Chapel at Mount Pleasant, and indeed the prospects of the Church at this place are so flattering that the Vestry are desirous of erecting a new Chapel, and have taken steps which will probably accomplish their wish.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Yorkville.

The Rev. James D. Gibson, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—5 white adults; 11 white children; total, 16. Burials, 3 white, 1 colored; total 4. Communicants, admitted, 15 white. Present number, 16. Congregation, non-communicants, 25 white; colored not known. Children under 14, 16 white. Families, 9 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 15 white. Public Worship, Good Shepherd Church, 25 Sundays; 6 other days; whole number of days, 58. St. Peter's Church, Chesterville, 3 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of days, 10. Total, 68. Communion Alms, \$24.70; Foreign missions, \$13; other Church purposes, \$480.65; total, \$518.35.

REMARKS.—I took charge of this congregation in June last. A handsome brick Church has been consecrated to the Worship and service of Almighty God. The few Church people here have done what they could in paying for the building, but their still remains a debt of nearly *fifteen hundred dollars*, and although the Bishop in his last report to the Convention, bespoke for this mission "*the liberality of the Diocese*" yet no assistance has been rendered, save twenty dollars from the Rev. C. P. Gadsden, twenty dollars from the Rev. J. S. Hanckel, and a plain Communion service per the Rev. J. A. Shanklin.

St. Peter's Church, Chesterville.

The Rev. J. D. Gibson, Missionary.

At the request of the Bishop, I took charge of the mission to the village of Chesterville, where a Parish has been organised for some time. I found here but three communicants, and they much discouraged. The services of the Church are now, however, well attended, and I humbly trust that even here our Holy Church may be permanently planted. I have taken steps for the erection of a plain Church building, to cost about two thousand dollars, and have already one hundred and fifty dollars subscribed towards that object. It is hoped that the sum of five hundred can be raised in the village; we *must* look to the *liberal ones* of the Diocese for the rest.

St. Paul's, Stono, and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.

The Rev. P. Gadsden, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—2 white children, 7 colored; total, 9. Marriages, 2 colored. Burials, 1 white, 2 colored; total 3. Communicants, last reported, 21 white. Admitted, 1 white. Died, 1 white. Present number, 25 white. Congregation, non-communicants, 28 white. Children under 14, 44 white. Families, 24 white. Children catechised in the summer on 7 days, 12 white. Public Worship, St. Paul's, whole number of times, 84. Communion Alms, \$41.49; Diocesan missions, \$50; Domestic missions, \$16; Foreign missions, \$16; other Church purposes \$10; total \$93.49.

REMARKS.—Efforts are making to erect a new Church in Summerville of larger dimensions and more comfortable and convenient in several respects than the present building, which was plainly constructed in the first instance, and has been in use now 25 years, or the quarter of a century. Yet we hope not to go in debt for the purpose, but to accomplish the object by our own persevering efforts, and the aid of friends abroad who promise us their assistance. We think there is a call for such a Church, from the number of persons who visit this town during the summer season, and who are disposed in many instances to attend our services, if they can be accommodated with seats. The want of room in the old building has, we apprehend, deterred strangers in several cases from venturing in, lest they should seem to intrude, or lest there should not be space enough for us and them within the walls of our sanctuary. This necessity, and this principally, has appeared to us to demand the erection of a new Church, larger in extent, and of more suitable accommodation.

Church of the Messiah, North Santee.

The Rev. Thomas J. Girardeau, Rector.

Baptisms—Children, 1 white, 9 colored; total, 10. Marriages, 1 colored. Burials, 3 colored. Communicants, present number, 20 white, say 200 colored. Congregation, non-communicants, 40 white, say 1000 colored. Families, 20 white. Children catechised once a week, 100 colored. Public Worship, private building used for Church purposes, 22 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times 24. South Island, 15 Sundays; 12 other days; whole number of days, 27. Plantation Chapel, 40 Sundays. Total, 91. Communion Alms, \$6.75; Diocesan missions, \$12.75; total, \$19.50.

REMARKS.—The Church has been under my charge as Rector only since April, 1855. My report is, therefore, necessarily imperfect. I may safely say, however, that there is a growing religious interest manifested in the Parish, and that I have to some extent been encouraged, especially in my labors among the blacks. The Church building is about being completed, and will be consecrated by the Bishop in April. The missionary field is a large and promising one, but quite too extensive to be compassed by the work of one man.

All-Saints', Waccamaw.

The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.

The Rev. Lucien C. Lance, Deacon, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—28 colored adults; 8 white children, 103 colored; total, 139. Marriages, 12 colored. Burials, 4 white, 7 colored; total, 11. Communicants, last reported, 50 white, 134 colored; total, 184. Admitted, 3 white, 46 colored; total 49. Removed, 5 white, 1 colored; total, 6. Died, 1 white, 6 colored; total, 7. Present number, 47 white, 173 colored; total, 220. Congregation, non-communicants, 35 white. Children under 14, 40 white. Families, 27 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 6 white. Children catechised on 24 days, 18 white; 410 colored, on 330 days; total, 428. Confirmed by the Bishop, 43 colored. Public worship, Parish Church, 35 Sundays; 10 other days; whole number of times, 45. Southern Church, 17 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 18. Summer retreat, 9 Sundays; whole number of times, 9. Services for the negroes on 15 plantations, and at summer retreat, whole number of times, 303; general summary, 375. Communion Alms, \$108.67½; Diocesan missions, \$130.50; Domestic missions, \$226.08¾; Foreign missions, \$255; other Church purposes, \$125.80; for the sufferers in Norfolk and vicinity, \$165; for the support of Schools for the poor in upper All-Saints', \$360; for the Bishop's fund, \$218; total, \$1,589.06¼.

St. David's, Cheraw.

The Rev. Alexander Gregg, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, 5 white, 2 colored; children, 8 white, 6 colored; total, 24. Marriages, 3 white. Burials, 4 white, 1 colored; total, 5. Communicants, last reported, 37 white, 5 colored; total, 42. Admitted, 12 white, 3 colored; total, 15. Removed, 2 white. Withdrew, 1 colored. Died, 1 white. Suspended, 1 white. Present number, 45 white, 7 colored; total, 52. Congregation, non-communicants, 45 white, colored, uncertain. Children under 14, 67 white, colored uncertain. Families, 32 white. Children catechised on Sundays. Confirmed by the Bishop, 8 white, 3 colored; total, 11. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 5 white. Number of scholars, 45 white, 20 colored; total, 65. Subjects of instruction, Question on Genesis, the Gospel of St. Matthew, the Church catechism, Hobart's catechism, No. 2, P. E. Sunday School book No. 4, catechism No. 2, Collects and Hymns. Public Worship, St. David's, 50 Sundays; 18 other days; other places, 13; whole number of times, 116. Communion Alms, \$46.15; Domestic missions, \$41.48; Foreign missions, \$46; Sunday School, \$12.50; other Church purposes, \$175; total, \$321.13.

St. John's, John's Island.

The Rev. Charles H. Hall, Rector.

Baptisms—15 colored adults; 6 white children, 4 colored; total, 25.

Marriages, 3 white. Burials, 3 white, 1 colored; total, 4. Communicants, died, 3 white, 15 colored; total, 18. Suspended, 6 colored. Present number, 53 white, 350 colored; total, 403. Congregation, non-communicants, 55 white. Children under 14, 65 white. Families, 43 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 6 white. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 3 white. Number of scholars, 24 white. Public Worship, St. John's, 7 months. Chapel at Rock, 10 Sundays; 20 other days. Chapel at Legaréville, 5 Sundays.

St. Paul's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Ch. Hanckel, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—22 white children, 7 colored; total, 29. Marriages, 2 white, 1 colored; total, 3. Burials, 16 white, 3 colored; total, 19. Communicants, last reported, 258 white, 54 colored; total, 312. Admitted, 18 white, 6 colored; total, 24. Removed, 9 white. Died, 9 white. Present number, 258 white, 60 colored; total, 318. Congregation, non-communicants, 289 white, 83 colored; total, 372. Children under 14, 256 white, 93 colored; total, 349. Families, 186 white, 35 colored; total, 221. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, not ascertained. Children catechised on 16 days, about 40 white; about 20 colored; total 60. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white, 11 colored; total, 14. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 12 white, 6 colored; total, 18. Number of scholars, about 80 white: about 30 colored: total, 110. Public Worship, St. Paul's, each Sunday in the year; other days, Wednesdays, Thanksgiving, Fasts and Festivals; whole number of times, 190. Communion Alms, \$561.80; Diocesan missions, \$73.35; Domestic missions, \$354.36; Foreign missions, \$83.94; Sunday School, \$147.80; other Church purposes, \$696; total, \$1,917.25.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis's.

The Rev. J. S. Hanckel, Rector.

The Rev. E. C. Logan, Missionary, and Teacher of the Beresford Bounty School.

Baptisms—4 colored adults; 5 white children, 46 colored; total, 55. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 1 white, 2 colored; total, 3. Communicants, last reported, 28 white, 92 colored; total, 120. Died, 3 colored. Present number, 30 white, 108 colored; total, 138. Congregation, non-communicants, 44 white. Children under 14, 56 white. Families, 32 white. Public Worship, Parish Church, P. Hill Chapel, Point Hope Chapel, and the plantations. Communion Alms, \$15; Diocesan missions, \$20; Domestic missions, \$25; Foreign missions, \$20; total, \$80.

REMARKS.—A Chapel for negroes has been completed at "Point

Hope" Plantation, of Hon. J. L. Nowell. Another on the Wando is in progress.

The Berresford Bounty School is in a highly gratifying condition, under Rev. E. C. Logan, as Teacher. The whole number of scholars being 31.

Besides his duties as teacher, Rev. E. C. Logan, has rendered valuable aid to the Rector, officiating at either the Parish Church or Chapel every Sunday, with two exceptions, from November 19th, 1854, to 6th May, 1855, inclusive; and from the 6th May to November 11th has preached once a fortnight at the school house, to the children, and such of the neighbors as attended.

Services have been held by the Rector on 23 Sundays, and on other days, in all, 72 times.

He officiated in St. Mark's, Clarendon, (in the absence of the Rector) from the 3d Sunday in May, to the 1st in November, inclusive; being 25 Sundays, and on other days, in all, 68 times; and in Charleston on 4 Sundays—8 times.

P. E. Church, Edisto Island, and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.

The Rev. Wm. H. Hanckel, Rector.

Baptisms—6 colored adults; 5 white children, 1 colored; total, 12. Burials, 5 white, 1 colored; total, 6. Communicants, last reported, 43 white, 95 colored; total, 138. Admitted, 5 white, 6 colored; total, 11. Died, 1 white, 1 colored; total, 2. Present number, 39 white, 100 colored; total, 139. Congregation, non-communicants, 41 white. Children under 14, 35 white. Families, 20 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 8 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4 white, 11 colored; total, 15. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 7 white. Number of scholars, 9 white, about 50 colored; total, 59. Subjects of instruction, Church catechism, Bible questions. Public Worship, P. E. Church, Edisto Island, 27 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times, 49. St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville, 21 Sundays; whole number of times, 41; general summary, 90. Communion Alms, \$58.75; Diocesan missions, \$20; Domestic missions, \$10; Foreign missions, \$50; Church Home, \$45; other Church purposes, \$44; total, \$227.75.

Prince George, Winyaw.

The Rev. R. T. Howard, Rector.

Marriages—3 white, 1 colored; total, 4. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, last reported, 52 whites, 17 colored; total, 69. Admitted, 6 colored. Withdrew, 1 white. Present number, 52 white, 23 colored; total, 75. Congregation, non-communicants, 70 white. Children under 14, 71 white. Families, 44 white. Children catechised every Sunday. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white, 4 colored; total, 7. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 2 white. Number of scholars, 18 white, 14 colored; total, 32. Public Worship, 52 Sundays; 26 other days; whole number of times, 78. Read prayers on

Wednesday in Church, and have a full service in the evening of same day for the negroes. Communion Alms, \$52; Diocesan missions, \$48; "Church Home," \$200; for the sufferers by yellow fever in Virginia, \$86; total, \$386.

REMARKS.—On account of unfavorable weather for several successive missionary Sundays no collections were taken up.

I am pleased to report to the Convention, that since last Nov., Mr. Phillips, a candidate for Orders in this Diocese, has been acting as lay reader and catechist for me, on Mrs. S. C. Ward's plantation, where the slaves from the adjoining plantations are glad to be present, and seem to be much interested in the services. From this prosperous beginning, I sincerely hope and pray that much good will result to the spiritual interests of all concerned.

St. John's, Berkley.

The Rev. W. B. W. Howe, Rector.

Baptisms—46 colored adults; 4 white children, 46 colored; total, 96. Burials, 9 white, 10 colored; total, 19. Communicants, present number, 46 white, 250 colored; total, 296. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white, 76 colored; total, 77. Public Worship, Biggin, Strawberry Chapel, Whiteville Chapel, Cordesville Chapel; whole number of times, 148. Contributions to objects, Diocesan, Charitable and Missionary, (\$705) seven hundred and five dollars.

Prince Frederick's, Pedee.

The Rev. Joseph Hunter, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white children, 42 colored; total 44. Marriages, 1 white, 2 colored; total 3. Burials, 4 white, 1 colored; total, 5. Communicants, last reported, 16 white, 3 colored; total, 19. Admitted, 1 white. Removed 2 white. Present number, 15 white, 3 colored; total, 18. Congregation, non-communicants, 23 white, colored not known. Children under 14, 37 white. Families, 17. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 8 white. Children catechised on plantations 52 times, 140 colored. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 colored. Public Worship, Prince Frederick's, 28 Sundays; 8 other days; whole number of times, 36. Chapel, Planterville, 16 Sundays; 7 other days; whole number of times, 23. On plantations to colored people, 68 times; general summary, whole number of times, 127.—Communion Alms, \$27.59; Diocesan missions, \$20; Domestic missions, \$100; Foreign missions, \$10; other Church purposes, \$33; total, \$190.59.

St. James's, Santee.

The Rev. Nathaniel Hyatt, Rector.

Baptisms—10 colored adults; 30 colored children; total, 40. Communicants, last reported, 28 white, 291 colored; total, 319. Admitted,

46 colored. Died, 6 colored. Present number, 28 white, 331 colored; total, 359. Congregation, non-communicants, 32 white. Children under 14, 35 white. Families, 22 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 9. Children catechised on 10 days, 250 colored. Confirmed by the Bishop, 88 colored. Public Worship, Wambaw Church, 24 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times, 27. Hampton Chapel, 12 Sundays; other places, 12 Sundays. Communion Alms, \$16.25; other Church purposes, \$230; total, \$246.25.

Missionary at Bluffton.

Report of the Rev. P. G. Jenkins, Deacon.

During the past year I have made weekly visits to 12 plantations for the purpose of giving instructions, to the children, in the catechism. I have also held regular services on Sundays, for the adults, on different plantations. These services have been very well attended. I have frequently assisted the Rector of the Parish in the Sunday services, and have occasionally preached to the white congregation of the Parish, by invitation of the Rector. Baptisms, 80 colored children. Burials, 1 colored. Children catechised weekly, 260.

I have good reasons to feel encouraged in my labors among the blacks.

St. Jude's Church, Walterboro'.

The Rev. B. Johnson, Minister.

This Report covers the period from January first, to July thirteenth, 1855.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 2 white children, 1 colored; total 4. Burials, 1 white, 3 colored; total, 4. Divine service, 86 times in Walterboro'; elsewhere, about 6 times; total, 92. Communion, 8 times. Alms, \$36.12. Collections for missions, from whites, \$6; colored congregation, \$7.50; total, \$13.50. Admitted to the Communion, 4 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, in July, 5 white, 2 colored; total, 7. There were ten candidates for the Rite, but two (colored) were sick, and one (white) absent from the village. Six of this number (10) had been admitted to the Communion the previous year.—Sunday School teachers, 6; children, 20 to 25 white; 50 to 100 colored. Families, with a few exceptions, as previously reported.

REMARKS.—Having tried for six months the experiment of supporting my family upon a salary of \$450 per annum, I was constrained, very reluctantly, to resign my charge of this in July. In doing so, I felt grateful to God for the measure of success he bestowed upon me here, having, through His grace, added to the Church *thirty-four* converts in the space of eighteen months. I did not account it strange, under such circumstances, ("an effectual door *being* opened,") that there should be "many adversaries." Trials, many I had, but God's grace sustained me; and I shall cherish with gratitude the memory of

the Christian sympathy and affection, uniformly exhibited towards me by God's true and faithful people here.

Immediately upon resigning this charge, I was called to *St. Matthew's Parish*, by the death of my venerable and esteemed friend, Col. C. R. Thomson. I endeavored to improve this melancholy bereavement, to the spiritual advantage of his interesting family. Through God's abounding grace, two of his sons, (both heads of families) professed conversion, and were, by His renewing Spirit, "baptized for the dead." I continued to officiate, in this my old field of labor, two months, during which period I preached 29 times, baptized 3 children, administered the Communion 3 times, and added 3 whites to the Church by conversion.

Trinity Church, Abbeville.

The Rev. B. Johnson, Rector.

I accepted the unanimous call to this Parish in September, and entered upon my duties here about the middle of that month. From that time to 1st January, 1856, I have preached 33 times; performed one funeral, (white); baptized 1 white, and 1 colored infant, also, 1 colored adult; Communion, 3 times; Alms, \$15.50; admitted to the Communion, 2 white, 1 colored, total 3; total number of members, as yet ascertained, 28 white, 2 colored. I understand there are others scattered about the district, and some colored members also, which I have not yet been able to see.

There is a good Sunday School attached to this Church, although little can be done during the winter months here. A Bible Class for ladies has been organized, and promises to be interesting and profitable. The negroes have been specially attended to, on Sunday nights, and I have already been much encouraged by the great interest manifested by them.

From my short residence here I can say but little of Trinity Church as yet. It is certainly one of the most important stations in the up-country. But so many advantages have been lost to our Church in this section, that the field for its influence, is now contracted and small. Yet we will not despond, for faith and perseverance may yet accomplish much.

The Parsonage has been completed, and will be occupied the coming year.

Grace, Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Rev. R. P. Johnson, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white children, 1 colored; total, 3. Burials, 2 white, 3 colored; total, 5. Communicants, present number, 70 white, 15 colored; total, 85. Congregation, non-communicants, number unknown. Children under 14, number unknown. Families, 50 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, all. Public

Worship, Grace Church, 23 Sundays ; 4 other days ; whole number of times, 50. Communion Alms, \$100.

REMARKS.—The Church was opened for Divine Service in the latter part of May, (the Rev. Mr. Potter kindly supplying my place for two or three Sundays,) and was closed on the last Sunday in October.

The attendance during the season was good. In addition to the amount received at the Communion, upwards of \$300 were contributed by the congregation towards the liquidation of a debt contracted the previous season, for the erection of a Vestry-room, and other improvements to the building.

St. Michael's, Charleston.

The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector.

The Rev. James H. Elliott, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—13 white children, 1 colored ; total, 14. Marriages, 9 white, 2 colored ; total, 11. Burials, 27 white. Communicants, last reported, 343 white, 34 colored ; total, 377. Admitted, 12 white. Removed, 3 white. Died, 16 white. Present number, about 334 white ; about 34 colored ; total, 368. Congregation, non-communicants, about 200 white. Children under 14, about 177 white. Families, about 175 white. Children catechised on 12 days, about 80 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 9 white. Sunday School, number of teachers, 8 white. Number of scholars, 54 white. Subjects of instruction, Claxton's questions on the Gospel for the day, and Beaven's help to catechising, Collect for the day and a portion of a hymn. Public Worship, St. Michael's, 52 Sundays ; 160 other days ; whole number of times, 264. Communion Alms, \$893.45 ; Diocesan missions, \$204.56 ; Domestic missions, \$316.07 ; Foreign Missions, \$322.54 ; Sunday School, \$73 ; Sisters of charity, \$135 ; for Church Home, \$530 ; for Church of the Holy Communion, \$525 ; for sufferers and orphans in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., \$413.93 ; for Church at Chattanooga, Tenn., \$187 ; for Church in Matagorda, Texas, \$187 ; total, \$3,487.55.

Report of the Rev. S. W. Kennerly, of the Diocese of Georgia.

A portion of the mission known as the Savannah-river Mission of the P. E. Church, is embraced within the Diocese of South Carolina. Four years have just ended since I entered upon the mission. It lies directly opposite and in sight of Savannah, the river only separating them. I was invited to open the mission on the Carolina side of the river, by Bishop Gadsden ; and was directed by him, in making my reports to the Convention of the Georgia Diocese, to specify the work done within the Diocese of South Carolina, whence it could be extracted and placed in the annual reports of the Carolina Convention. Upon examination you will find the reports all thus made, excepting the last.

Including children, I have baptized upwards of one hundred and fifty, since I have been on the mission. I am the first Episcopal minister that was ever on the mission. It is an interesting field, and well worth the attention of the Church within the Carolina Diocese. The ground-work is all laid for a prosperous Church mission.

Being called to take charge of a mission Church, for the benefit of the colored people in the city of Savannah, lately organised, in conjunction with the other portion of my mission on the Savannah river, within the Georgia Diocese, I am compelled to surrender up that portion which is within the Carolina Diocese; having more calls for my services on this side than I am able to respond to. I sincerely hope that you will be able very soon to have a missionary on the mission.

With the number which have been baptized by other denominations, and through me have come into the Church, receiving confirmation by the Bishop of Georgia, in your stead, there is, within a small fraction, of one hundred communicants. There are still a goodly number awaiting an opportunity for confirmation. I leave these people with regret, and shall feel a relief when I hear that another minister is on the mission, supplying my lack of service.

During the past year, of which no report has been made, you have the following:

Baptisms—10 adults; children, 8; total, 18. Communicants, 94. Marriages, 4. Burials, 13.

I will endeavor to go through the mission once more, and set every thing in order for the next missionary. I shall be compelled to give it up entirely. I have more work in the city than I had anticipated. Applications have been made to me to take charge of some other plantations, which I have been compelled to decline.

Prince William's Parish.

The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, Rector.

Baptisms—3 white children. Marriages, 1 colored. Burials, 1 white. Communicants last reported, 35 white. Admitted, 2 white. Removed, 1 white. Withdrew, 3 white. Present number, 38. Congregation, non-communicants, 30 white. Children under 14, 46 white. Families, 21 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 12. Public Worship, Sheldon Church, 25 Sundays; whole number of times, 25. Sheldon Chapel, 27 Sundays; whole number of times, about 54. Services for negroes, Sunday nights, about 22. Total, about 100.

REMARKS.—The removal of Rev. Mr. Webb, Missionary, (since deceased,) and the inability to supply his place, have caused a suspension, temporary only, we trust, of religious services to the few plantations of which he had the oversight. The Rector would willingly perform gratuitous duty for any in the vicinity of the Church, but cannot, unless provided with travelling facilities, undertake, except occasionally, to attend to the more remote plantations. The almost entire breaking up of the Chapel, by removals from the village, affords him ample

opportunities, so far as time is concerned; to preach the Gospel to these poor.

Through a series of disappointments in obtaining workmen, Sheldon Church yet remains unfinished. It is hoped that further attempts to execute a work, honorable to those interested; and necessary, will be attended with more favorable results.

The Rector has the pleasure to state that one member of his flock and family, is pursuing his studies, as a candidate for Orders, in the Theological Seminary, Alexandria.

The loss of another family of six, by removal, is to be added to those of previous years.

The contributions, except for missions, have not greatly decreased from those of the previous year. Several charities, not officially known to the Rector, would enlarge the amount about (\$500) five hundred dollars. The last annual report of contributions was \$2137. The sums appropriated to missions have been very small; two or three only of the congregation giving of their abundance to this good work. We thus report, for Diocesan missions, \$5; for Foreign, \$45, and Domestic, \$30. Should the Lord of the harvest measure to the Church as it metes to the unconverted world, what a deficiency would the end of the year present, in temporal prosperity; and the end of life, in eternal!

St. Philip's, Bradford Springs.

The Rev. T. N. Lucas, Rector.

Burials—1 white. Communicants, last reported, 8 white; 3 colored, omitted in last report. Admitted, 5 white. Removed, 2 white. Withdrew, 2 white. Present number, 11 white, 3 colored; total, 14. Congregation, non-communicants, 11 whites. Children under 14, about 17 white. Families, 8 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations of P. E. Church, 1 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 7 white. Public Worship, St. Philips, on one Sunday in each month, during the winter, and on each alternate Sunday during the summer. Communion Alms, \$10.55.

REMARKS.—Mission to the blacks on Messrs. John and James Moor's plantations, Stateburg. Baptism—3 adults, 14 children. Marriages, 5. Number of communicants, about 30. Services performed at two plantations on 3 Sundays in each month during the winter; and on each alternate Sunday during the summer, one in the morning at Col. John Moor's plantation, near Savannah, and one in the afternoon at Mr. Jas. Moor's, Woodville.

I have, with much reluctance, and for reasons which it is not necessary to state, resigned my mission to the negroes on the above plantations. The work was, on the whole, encouraging, I therefore regret the more my having being obliged to relinquish the post.

Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, and Calvary Church, Glenn Springs.

The Rev. J. D. McCollough, Rector.

The Rev. E. A. Wagner, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 5 white children, 2 colored; total, 8. Marriages, 3 white. Communicants, last reported, 32 white, 4 colored; total, 36. Admitted, 7 white. Removed, 15 white. Present number, 24 white, 1 colored; total, 25. Non-communicants, 8 white, 5 colored; total, 13. Children under 14, 24 white, 11 colored; total, 35. Families, 15 white, 5 colored; total, 20. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white. Contributions, Communion Alms, \$68.39; Diocesan missions, \$6; other Church purposes, \$55.51; total, \$129.90. Public Worship, Church of the Advent, 52 Sundays; 18 other days; whole number of times, 121. Calvary Church, Glenn Springs, 10 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 11. At Union Court House, 5 Sundays; whole number of times, 10.

REMARKS.—Service has also been performed daily, with a few exceptions, in the Chapel of St. John's School, open to the congregation of the Church of the Advent.

A portion of the services here recorded, have been by Revs. E. A. Wagner, and C. T. Bland.

I have been able to render occasional Sunday services not included in this report.

A large portion of my time at Unionville is probably embraced in the report of the Rev. C. T. Bland.

St. Helena Island.

The Rev. David McElheran, Rector.

Burials—5 white. Communicants, last reported, 30 white, 10 colored; total 40. Removed 2 white. Died, 1 white. Present number, 27 white. Congregation, non-communicants, 28 white; colored, variable. Children under 14, 18 white. Families, 25 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 3 white. Children catechised during summer. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 3 white. Number of scholars, 15 white, 30 to 40 colored. Subjects of instruction, Bible, Church catechism, and Hymns. Public Worship, St. Helena Church, 46 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times, 48. St. Helenaville Chapel, 16 Sundays; whole number of times, 16; general summary, whole number of times, 64. Communion Alms, \$16; Diocesan missions, \$37; Foreign missions, \$2.50; other Church purposes, \$123; total, 177.50.

REMARKS.—I have received from a member of the Church and of the Vestry of this Island, a silk gown of the very best and most substantial material. As this is a costly but necessary article for a minister of our Church, I think this public acknowledgment of such an act of kindness, not only due to him as an individual, but as a sugges-

tion and inducement to others, thus to assist their pastor, whose means may be limited.

The above was presented to me by the same individual who presented the Bishop with a donation. He does not wish his name mentioned, but I think such liberality now so rare, should not pass unnoticed.

St. John's, Hampstead, Charleston.

The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, D. D., Minister.

Baptisms—5 white adults, 7 colored; 22 white children, 32 colored; total, 66. Marriages, 14 white, 12 colored; total, 26. Burials, 20 white, 17 colored; total, 37. Communicants, last reported, 54 white, 41 colored; total, 95. Admitted, 8 white, 5 colored; total, 13. Removed, 6 white, 3 colored; total, 9. Died, 1 white, 2 colored; total, 3. Present number, 55 white, 41 colored; total, 96. Children catechised on 12 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 14 white, 9 colored; total 23. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 10 white. Number of scholars, 95 white, 45 colored; total 140. Public Worship, St. John's Chapel, 52 Sundays; 76 other days. City Alms House, 50 other days. Communion Alms, \$93.07; other Church purposes, \$100 (for organist.)

REMARKS.—The Lord's Supper has been administered on the third Sunday on every month, on Christmas, Whit, and Trinity Sundays; also on different occasions, to sick persons in private. Catechetical instruction has been given to colored adults and children one evening of every week at the Chapel. I find the Church catechism made plain for the use of those who cannot read, by Rev. Paul Trapier, admirably adapted to that class of persons and to the ignorant generally.

St. James's, James Island.

The Rev. Stiles Mellichamp, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—8 colored adults; 1 white child, 1 colored; total, 10. Burials, 1 white, 5 colored; total, 6. Communicants, present number, 15 white, 26 colored; total, 41. Congregation, 20 to 30 white, 40 to 50 colored; total, 60 to 80. Families, white, 8. Confirmed by the Bishop, 7 white, 18 colored; total, 25. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 6 white; number of scholars, 40 colored, children and adults. Public Worship, St. James's and Church at the Fort, 47 Sundays; 25 other days; whole number of times, 176. Communion Alms, \$30.44; Foreign missions, \$17.75; other Church purposes, \$371.90, *i. e.* \$26.90, L. Society, \$300 Rector's salary, \$45 Bishop's fund; total, \$420.29.

REMARKS.—I preached, during the last year, every Sunday, with a very few exceptions, once to the whites, and two or three times to the negroes, at the Church and on plantations. I visit for this purpose after service at Church, five plantations, alternating as well as I can. These ministrations reach about two hundred and fifty negroes, and I am encouraged to hope that my labors are gradually producing beneficial results, morally and spiritually. May God pour out his blessing upon his own appointed means of salvation.

Christ Church, Mar's Bluff.

The Rev. A. Moore, Missionary.

Baptisms—4 colored adults; 3 white children, 28 colored; total, 35. Burials, 2 white children, 1 colored adult; total, 3. Communicants, last reported, 7 white, 1 colored; total, 8. Admitted, 4 colored. Present number, 7 white, 5 colored; total, 12. Congregation, families, 9 white, 2 colored. Children catechised on 29 Sundays, 31 other days, 60. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white, 1 colored; total, 2. Public Worship, Mar's Bluff, for the white congregation, 47 Sundays; 4 other days; whole number of times, 52. Mar's Bluff, for the colored congregation, 45 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times, 48. Other places, 5 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times, 8; general summary, 108. Communion Alms, \$11.68.

REMARKS.—The Church here, has recently organized as Christ Church, Mar's Bluff, and made application to the Bishop for admission into union with the Convention; and is now raising funds to build a Church at a point more central than the present Chapel. When this is completed we trust the congregation will become enlarged.

Grace Church, Charleston.

The Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 35 white children, 3 colored, total, 39. Marriages 8 white, 4 colored; total, 12. Burials, 16 white, 2 colored; total, 18. Communicants, present number, 188 white, 20 colored; total, 208. Congregation, non-communicants, 180 white, 30 colored; total, 210. Children under 14, 260 white. Families, 148 white, 18 colored; total, 166. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 5 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 21 white, 1 colored; total, 22. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 13 white. Number of scholars, 70 white. Public Worship, 52 Sundays; 50 other days; whole number of times, 160. Communion Alms, \$435; Diocesan missions, \$300; Domestic missions, \$337; Foreign missions, \$325; Parochial, \$1000; other Church purposes, \$263; total, \$2,660.

REMARKS.—On the first of June, Rev. W. W. Spear, dissolved his connection with the Church on account of his health, after eight years of successful labor in the establishment of a new congregation.

The Church continues prosperous, and is not without some tokens of God's presence and blessing.

The Holy Communion, Charleston.

The Rev. A. Toomer Porter, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult, 2 colored; 24 white children, 16 colored; total, 43. Marriages, 1 white, 6 colored; total, 7. Burials, 7 white, 2 colored; total, 9. Communicants, last reported, 19 white, 2 colored; total, 21. Admitted, 10 white. Died, 2. Suspended, 1 white. Pre-

sent number, 43 white, 5 colored; total, 48. Congregation, non-communicants, 23 white, colored not known. Children under 14, 68 white. Families, 36 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 1 white. Children catechised on every Sunday, Confirmed by the Bishop, 10. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 5 white. Number of scholars, 60 white, 70 colored; 140. Public Worship, Holy Communion, 49 Sunday's; 61 other days; whole number of times, preached 102. Communion, administered, 7 Sundays; 4 other days, in private. Assisted in administering in different Churches, 11 Sundays. Communion Alms, \$54.84; Foreign missions, \$44; other Church purposes, \$177.34; total, \$289.30.

REMARKS.—Received from individuals in different congregations, sundry articles of clothes, hats, and blankets, and \$366.05, for the use of the poor.

Report of the Rev. Wm. T. Potter, of services for Negroes in Prince William's Parish.

Since my last report I have officiated each Lord's day, except three Sundays while in the city of New-York.

Have administered the Holy Communion twice, and assisted at the same on five public occasions, and administered once in private.

Baptized 3 colored infants. Buried 2 adults and one infant.

From November to 10th of May, as heretofore, hope to be punctually occupied in giving catechetical and religious instruction to my own and any neighboring negroes, willing to attend my ministrations.

Christ Church, Wilton Bluff.

The Rev. W. O. Prentiss, Rector.

Baptisms—4 white children, 5 colored; total 9. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 2 white, 3 colored; total, 5. Communicants, died, 1 white. Present number, 36 white, 8 colored; total, 44. Congregation, non-communicants, 24 white. Children under 14, 38 white. Families, 19 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 5 white. Children catechised on 21 days, 75 colored. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 7 white. Number of scholars, 41 white. Public Worship, Christ Church, Wilton, 25 Sundays; 8 other days; whole number of times, 33. Chapel, 22 Sundays; whole number of times, 22. On plantations, 15 Sundays; whole number of times, 30; general summary, 85. Communion Alms, \$32.40; Domestic missions, \$12; Foreign missions, \$118.92; other Church purposes, \$7; total, \$170.32.

REMARKS.—Besides the services above reported, I have generally preached to the colored people at Christ Church, Wilton, immediately after the morning service on every Sabbath.

There are in this Parish, a few poor white people very destitute of Gospel privileges. I have preached a few times to them.

On taking charge of the Parish, I found that most of the colored communicants formerly attached to the Church, had left it, and joined other denominations.

The catechetical labors of the Rector are gratifying to him, and he hopes, profitable to the children, he is endeavoring to train up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Church of the Mediator, Columbia.

The Rev. J. Maxwell Pringle, Rector.

Baptisms—4 white children. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, removed, 1 white. Present number, 24 white, 4 colored; total, 28. Congregation, families, 16 white. Sunday Schools; number of teachers, 8 white. Number of scholars, 35 white. Public Worship. Lecture Room, Church Mediator, 39 Sundays. Communion Alms, \$78.21; Foreign Missions, \$111.97; other Church purposes, \$20; total, \$210.18.

REMARKS.—Services were commenced in the Lecture Room of the Church of the Mediator on Easter Sunday, the 8th of April. The congregation then numbered ten families. Six more have been added. One family has removed from Columbia. The Bishop visited us on the tenth of August.

Besides the services of Sunday may be mentioned evening prayer, and a Bible Class for young ladies on Wednesday afternoons. In the Communion Alms \$20 for the relief of Norfolk has been included.

St. Mark's, Clarendon.

The Rev. Edward Reed, Rector.

The Rev. J. V. Welch, Deacon, and Missionary among the colored population.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 2 white children, 2 colored total, 5. Marriages, 1 colored. Burials, 3 white, 4 colored; total, 7. Communicants, present number, 30 white, 57 colored; total, 87. Congregation, non-communicants, 34 white. Children under 14, 43 white. Families, 21 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 1 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white, 1 colored; total, 2. Public Worship, St. Mark's Church, whole number of times, 83. St. James's Chapel, whole number of times, 50. Plantations and other places, whole number of times, 178. Communion Alms, \$80; Foreign missions, \$94.85; total, \$174.85.

REMARKS.—Of the services on the plantations nearly all were rendered by the missionary, Rev. Mr. Welch, besides which, he gives catechetical instruction to the children on all the plantations under his charge.

The Rev. J. S. Hanckel, officiated in the parish, during the absence of the Rector, from the third Sunday in May to the first Sunday in November, both inclusive, holding in all 68 services.

Claremont Parish.

The Rev. John J. Roberts, Rector.

The Rev. T. N. Lucas, Missionary.

Baptisms—20 colored adults; 5 white children, 8 colored; total, 33. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 7. Communicants, last reported, 43 white, 110 colored; total, 153. Died, 1 white, 2 colored; total, 3. Present number, 45 white, 125 colored; total, 170. Non-communicants, 25 white, colored unknown. Children under 14, 50 white, colored unknown. Children catechised on 3d and 4th Sundays of the month, 30. Confirmed, 8 white, 50 colored; total, 58. Families, 33. Public Worship, "Church of the Holy Cross;" "Plantation Chapel," 3. Communion Alms, \$430.96.

REMARKS.—We are erecting a Chapel at Providence, and I think that a second Chapel will have been erected before the meeting of the next Convention.

The Rev. T. N. Lucas designs officiating in the Chapel at Providence, in connection with St. Philip's, Bradford Springs. Mr. Legrand Guerry is to assist me in my work among the negroes, in the lower part of the parish.

I am pleased to be able to add that the Rev. Mr. Welch is to take charge of the negroes belonging to Col. Moore, and Maj. J. Sinkler Moore. I pray that God will bless our work for the evangelizing of the poor of Claremont.

Report, in part, for Fairfield District.

I have to report that I officiated several times in Fairfield District holding six services in Winnsboro' and its vicinity.

I baptized 1 white and 69 colored infants; total, 70.

Trinity Church, Black Oak.

The Rev. Julius Sams, Rector.

Baptisms—7 colored adults; 1 white child; total, 8. Burials, 2 white, 5 colored; total 7. Communicants, admitted; 1 white, 8 colored; total, 9. Removed, 1 white, colored unknown. Died, 2 white, colored unknown. Present number, 21 white, 83 colored; total, 104. Non-communicants, 16 white, colored unknown. Children under 14, not known. Families, 14 white, colored unknown. Sunday school scholars, 18 white, colored unknown. Teachers, 4. Public Worship, Pinopolis Chapel, 14 Sundays; 7 other days; whole number of times, 21. Trinity Church, Black Oak, 7 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 8. Communion Alms, \$26; Domestic missions, \$58; Foreign missions, \$71; other purposes, \$108.75; total, \$263.75.

Report of the Rev. Joseph B. Seabrook, Missionary to the Blacks near Bluffton.

I preached during the past year about ninety times; these services,

have been held on forty-eight Sundays, and two other days. I baptized four colored adults and three white Children. I buried one colored adult and one white child.

From circumstances beyond my control, I was compelled to resign my situation, as assistant to the Rector of St. Luke's Church, in the latter part of the summer. In the month of December following I was invited by the vestry of St. Jude's Church, Walterboro', to become their Rector. I have accepted the invitation. The Rev. P. Jarvis Jenkins will take my place as Missionary to the Blacks, near Bluffton.

Report of the Rev. R. S. Seely.

I have held Divine service and preached during the year in my school house, in Chesterville, 37 times.

I have baptized three white children, and buried one adult.

At Immanuel Church, Landsford, Chester District, I have held Divine service, and preached twelve times.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.

The Rev. John Sellwood, Rector.

Baptisms—5 white children, 5 colored; total, 10. Marriages, 1 colored. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, last reported, 33 white, 44 colored; total, 77. Admitted, *4 white, 4 colored; total, 8. Removed, 1 white. Died, 2 white, 1 colored; total, 3. Present number, 34 white, 47 colored; total, 81. Congregation, non-communicants, 15, colored unknown. Children under 14, 37 white, colored not known. Families, 14 white, colored not known. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 1 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 5 white. Number of scholars, 16 white, 30 colored; total, 46. Subjects of instruction, Church catechism. Public Worship, Church of the Holy Trinity, 48 Sundays; 16 other days; whole number of times, 93. Free Church for servants, 19 Sundays. On several plantations, 16 Sundays. Mission, 3 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 4. Communion Alms, \$56.33; Diocesan missions, \$55; Foreign missions, \$150; Other Church purposes, \$100; total, \$298.33.

REMARKS.—The Lord during the past year gave me a sufficient degree of health, to have our Church open for divine worship every Sunday, when the weather was favorable, likewise on holy days of our Church. On four Sundays we were prevented from assembling on account of rain.

During the summer season, it was open for divine worship and preaching twice each Sunday; also on Tuesday nights. I likewise on Sunday afternoons held service in the Free Church for the servants. During the winter season, I preached on several of the neighboring

* The White Communicants were received from other Episcopal Churches.

† Including \$20, the gift of a lady, for the poor.

plantations. I also preached occasionally within the limits of the mission.

For many months past I have had a considerable number of colored persons candidates for baptism. During the summer months they assembled as they were able, every Sunday morning for an hour before Church time, for religious instruction. Requiring considerable instruction and a considerable period of probation, I have not baptized any of them.

The Catechist for the mission, as his report to the Advancement Society will show, has been steadily engaged without any intermission in the prosecution of his duties. He has found the work to be a trying one, but he has not labored altogether in vain. Some adults acknowledge that they have derived spiritual benefit from his instructions. All the baptisms contained in my report, with one exception, are those of children within the limits of the mission.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 20 white children, 3 colored; total, 24. Marriages, 12 white, 1 colored; total, 13. Burials, 21 white. Communicants, last reported, 119 white, 5 colored; total, 124. Admitted, 8 white, 2 colored; total, 10. Removed, 15 white, 2 colored; total, 17. Died, 4 white. Present number, 108 white, 5 colored; total, 113. Congregation, non-communicants, 107 white, colored unknown. Children under 14, 141 white, colored unknown. Families, 75 white, colored unknown. Children catechised, 40 white. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 7 white. Number of scholars, from 40 to 50 white. Subjects of instruction, Beavan's catechism, Questions on Collects, Questions on the Gospel and Acts, Easy questions, and Watts's Hymns. Public Worship, Trinity Church, every Sunday, Fast and Festival day, with but few exceptions. Communion Alms; \$330; Diocesan missions; \$50; Domestic missions, \$200.21; Foreign missions, \$70. Parochial school sustained by private subscriptions, account not kept by me. No account kept for other Church purposes.

REMARKS.—Of the marriages reported one was solemnized at Abbeville village, the Church at that place being then without a minister or Rector.

Of the burials reported one was in St. Matthew's Parish, there being no minister or Rector of the Church there.

Besides the amount reported for Diocesan missions, (which was given to the Bishop,) amounts were contributed, from time to time, to different portions of the Diocese, the precise sum not remembered.

Besides the sums also reported as having been contributed to other missions, there have been collections made and sums contributed at various times in answer to appeals made in behalf of certain Parishes that were in need, by clergymen who have visited this Parish, or which were communicated to us through some other channel. No account hav-

ing been kept of these contributions, there can, consequently, be no report made of them.

St. Luke's Parish.

The Rev. James Stoney, M. D., Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult, 2 colored; 5 white children; total, 8. Marriages, 1 colored. Burials, 7 white, 4 colored; total, 11. Communicants, last reported, 34 white, 50 colored; total, 84. Admitted, 3 white, 2 colored; total, 5. Removed, 3 white. Withdrew, 1 white. Died, 1 white. Present number, 32 white, colored uncertain. Congregation, non-communicants, 71 white, colored uncertain. Children under 14, 105 white, colored uncertain. Families, 37 white, colored uncertain. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 3 white, colored uncertain. Children catechised, 50 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white, colored uncertain. Sunday schools, number of teachers, 5 white, 2 colored; total 7. Number of scholars, 50 white, 20 colored; total, 70. Public Worship, St. Luke's Church; Zion Chapel, Hilton Head; Chapel of the Cross, Bluffton. Communion Alms, \$30.92; Diocesan missions, \$137.50; Domestic missions, \$23.50; Foreign missions, \$159.80; other Church purposes, not known; Norfolk orphans, \$180; A. Tract Society, \$130; total, \$961.72.

REMARKS.—From 1st of November to 1st of June, Public Worship is held once on every Sunday alternately at St. Luke's Church, and Zion Chapel, Hilton Head. From 1st of June to 1st of November, twice every Sunday for the white, and once for the colored congregation at the Chapel of the Cross, Bluffton; and once every other Sunday, at Zion Chapel, Hilton Head. For account of colored mission see report of Rev. P. G. Jenkins.

Calvary Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Minister.

Baptisms—13 colored adults; 5 white children, 29 colored; total, 47. Marriages, 6 colored. Burials, 2 white, 12 colored; total, 14. Communicants, last reported, 19 white, 43 colored; total, 61. Admitted, 5 white, 17 colored; total, 22. Removed, 6 white, 1 colored; total, 7. Died, 4 colored. Suspended, 3 colored. Present number, 18 white, 51 colored; total, 69. Congregation, non-communicants, 16 white, colored uncertain. Children under 14, 20 white, colored uncertain. Families, 11 white, colored uncertain. Children catechised on 31 days, 8 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white, 15 colored; total, 17. Sunday schools, number of teachers, 20 white. Number of scholars, 515 colored. Subjects of instruction, Church catechism, Hymns and Chants and Psalms, Collects and other Prayers, Scripture narratives. Public Worship, Calvary Church, 52 Sundays; 30 other days; whole number of times, 145. Communion Alms, \$89.80; Domestic missions, \$34.22; Foreign missions, \$94.37; other Church purposes, \$65; total, \$283.39.

REMARKS.—Communion administered 25 times in Church, and twice in private to the sick. Meeting twice every week to prepare for admission to Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Communion, and once every fortnight for the Communicants.

Admitted into the Sunday school since the beginning of the mission, (in March, 1848) 2485 colored persons, of all ages from 60 years to 6; and 78 to the Communion. Growth of the people in knowledge and grace gradual, but progressive; though with instances of sad backsliding. Extraneous influences often strongly adverse from the worldliness of some owners; but much encouragement from the countenance and co-operation of others of them, especially of those who aid me in the Sunday schools.

St. Peter's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. J. A. Shanklin, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 10 white children, 14 colored; total, 26. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. Communicants, admitted 39. Present number, 172 white, 23 colored; total, 195. Confirmed, 21. Sunday schools, number of teachers, 14. Number of scholars, 108 white, 28 colored; total, 136. Communion Alms, \$663.66; Foreign missions, \$900; Domestic missions, \$294; Church at Chattanooga, Tenn., \$152; Matagorda, Texas, \$145; Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$225; Colportage in S. C., \$838.50; total, \$3,268.16.

Holy Apostles, Barnwell C. H.

The Rev. E. A. Wagner, Rector.

Baptisms—4 white children, 2 colored; total, 6. Communicants, present number, 13 white, 1 colored; total, 14. Congregation, non-communicants, 15 white. Children under 14, 23 white, 24 colored; total, 47. Families, 11 white.

REMARKS.—I took charge in December, 1855. No Church edifice in the Parish, and we are dependent therefore on the kindness of the "Mayor" for a place of Worship.

Will our brethren not help us? We need only about \$600 to build a Church.

St. Helena Church, Beaufort.

The Rev. Jos. R. Walker, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults, 2 colored; 7 white children, 8 colored; total, 19. Marriages, 5 white, 6 colored; total, 11. Burials, 12 white, 6 colored; total, 18. Communicants, last reported, 140 white, 116 colored; total, 256. Admitted, 15 white, 2 colored; total, 17. Removed, 3 white, 1 colored; total, 4. Died, 5 white, 2 colored; total, 7. Withdrew, 1 white. Present number, 146 white, 115 colored; total, 261. Congregation, non-communicants, 98 white, colored uncertain. Children under 14, 175 white, colored unknown. Families, 68 white, colored uncertain. Several of the families included in this number are German Lutherans. Others have scarcely any Church design.

nation, but all regard me as, in a sense, their Pastor, and with some regularity attend the services of the Church, giving me good hope concerning them. Families worshiping during the winter in other Parishes, 15. Children catechised, on 6 Sundays, about 50. Confirmed by the Bishop, 14 white. Sunday school, number of teachers, 10 white, 6 colored; total, 16. Number of scholars, 62 white, 55 colored; total, 117. Public Worship, 52 Sundays; 38 other days; whole number of times, 142. Besides, during the summer, service was held every Sunday night for the servants, by a catechist, in Beaufort, and on the plantations every other Sunday. Communion Alms, \$220.78; Foreign missions, from October 1854 to October 1855, \$1,290.45; Bible Tract and Sunday school operations, \$460; Domestic, Diocesan, and Plantation missions, about \$450; Church building, \$260; Education for the Ministry, other Church purposes and Charities, as far as known, \$673; total, \$3,354.23.

St. Luke's, Newberry.

The Rev. E. T. Walker, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—2 white adults, 2 white children; total, 4. Marriages, 1 white. Burial, 3 white. Communicants, last reported, 5 white, total, 18. Admitted, 7. Congregation, children under 14, 12 white. Families, 7 white. Children catechised, 15 white, 10 colored; total, 25. Confirmed by the Bishop, 7 white. Sunday schools, number of teachers, 5 white. Number of scholars, 20 white, 15 colored; total, 35. Public Worship, St. Luke's, 40 Sundays; 20 other days; whole number of times, 100. Laurensville, 6 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 7.

REMARKS.—Since my last report, this Church has been completed and consecrated. Of the building I need say nothing. It is neat and Church-like, and fit for the service of God.

The prospects of the Church are cheering. A short time since it was commenced with four communicants, two gentlemen and their wives; of money they had but little, but they had religious character and earnestness; now we have eighteen communicants, a beautiful Church, and a gathering congregation besides. Once our Church was badly thought of, but now we have a place in the good will of all Christian people.

I cannot speak too highly of the zeal, and whole-heartedness, of this little flock; of what God has given them, of earthly things, they have given freely; possessing little, they have given richly. They have given one tenth, and more, of their income.

Though I have suffered in my efforts to establish this Church, partly from serving it at the out-set, without a salary, and, especially, from reverses in my own affairs, yet I look upon it, as so much money given to the service of God, and the good of dying men.

Freed from the claims of the world, I could live and die among this people; yet I may have to leave them, and if I do, I must here mention the noble generosity of those to whom I was indebted. At the

close of the year, their bills were sent me, *cancelled*; one to the amount of \$100, the other not much less, and accompanied with tokens of regard. A short ministry among such people, is a green spot in one's life. The Lord will keep his "own heritage."

St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.

The Rev. Cranmore Wallace, Minister.

Baptisms—11 white adults, 1 colored; 23 white children, 9 colored; total, 44. Marriages, 7 white, 7 colored; total, 14. Burials, 11 white, 5 colored; total, 16. Communicants, last reported, 116 white, 7 colored; total, 123. Admitted, 22 white. Removed, 16 white, 2 colored; total, 18. Withdrew, 2 white. Died, 4 white. Present number, 114 white, 5 colored; total, 119. Congregation, non-communicants, about 200 white; about 30 colored; total, about 230. Children under 14, 150 white, colored not ascertained; total, about 180. Families, 93 white, colored not ascertained; total, about 100. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 2 white. Children catechised only in Sunday school. Confirmed by the Bishop, 16 white, 1 colored; total, 17. Sunday school, number of teachers, 11 white. Number of scholars, 70 white, 30 colored; total, 100. Subjects of instruction, Gospel of St. Luke, Church Catechism, Collects, Hymns. Public Worship, St. Stephen's Chapel, 52 Sundays; 290 other days; whole number of times, 390. Evening services at the Church Home, about 275 times. Total, 655. Communion Alms, \$208.78; Diocesan missions, \$3; Foreign missions, \$5; Parochial Schools, *\$159.50; other Church purposes, \$175; Donations received for the poor, *\$186.50; total, \$737.78.

REMARKS.—*These two items were received from members of other congregations.

The statistics of communicants and congregation are only approximative, it being impossible to make them altogether accurate in a congregation which changes weekly.

The Report of the Rev. Arthur Wigfall.

I resigned my place as Missionary at Barhamville in October last, since which time I have had no parochial charge.

The Rev. J. V. Welch, Deacon.

During the last year I have been labouring as Missionary among the colored population of St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon, under the direction of the Rector. The statement of my services has been made in his report.

St. Matthew's Parish.

Report by a Warden, there being no Minister.

The number of communicants belonging to the St. Matthew's Church (as well as I could learn) is as follows: White communicants, 13; colored, 83; total, 96.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

For the year ending December 31, 1855.

	<i>White.</i>	<i>Colored.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Baptisms—Adults,.....	43	286	329
“ Children,.....	381	689	1070
Grand Total,.....	424	975	1399
Marriages,.....	99	96	195
Burials,.....	292	145	437
Congregation—Communicants,.....	2971	3022	5993
“ Non-Communicants,....	2291	1208	3500
“ Children under 14,....	2538	189	2727
“ Families,.....	1787	89	1874
Families belonging to other Congrega- tions of the P. E. Church.....	158		
Children catechised,.....	419	1371	1790
Confirmed by the Bishop,.....	210	414	624
Sunday Schools—Number of Teachers,	191	19	210
“ “ “ Scholars,	1125	591	1716

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

ARTICLE I.

Of acceding to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina accedes to, recognizes and adopts the general Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon by the preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

Of Members of Convention.

SECTION 1.—The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

SECTION 2.—The Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, and the Minister, or Ministers of every Episcopal Church in union with this Convention, shall always be, *ex-officio*, a member or members of this Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof: *Provided*, that no Clergyman shall be entitled to vote in Convention, unless he has been actually, as well as canonically resident within the Diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station: *Provided*, also, that no Clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

SECTION 3.—Every other Clergyman of the Church being a Missionary, officiating under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, or a Chaplain in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches. The provisions of the second section of this Article shall also apply to the preceding part of this section. Every other Clergyman, being an instructor of youth in any seminary of learning, constituted by Civil or Ecclesiastical authority, in this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States, or being prevented by age and infirmity from exercising his clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

SECTION 4.—Lay-Delegates not exceeding four (4) in number, shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches, in union with this Convention, from among the members of those Churches respectively to represent them in Convention; the Delegates to be elected in such manner and time, as each Church shall deem proper, to serve for one stated Convention. They shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election. For special Conventions, special elections shall be held.

SECTION 5.—No member shall hereafter represent two distinct Churches, or shall, in any case, have more than one vote.

SECTION 6.—A Lay-Member having taken his seat in the Convention as a Delegate from any Church, shall not (without the unanimous consent of the Convention,) be permitted to relinquish his seat, and take a seat as the Delegate of another Church.

ARTICLE IV.

Of a Quorum.

Ten (10) Members of the Clerical Order, and Lay-Representatives of ten (10) Churches, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business generally; but any number of either Order, that shall assemble, may adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention. But in case of his absence, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee shall be the President of the Convention; and if he be not present, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending Presbyters.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary.

A Secretary, who shall also be, *ex-officio*, Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed,) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the proceedings of the Convention, attest its public acts, preserve its records, and give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated or special meeting of the Convention; and this notice shall be given at least six weeks before the meeting of such Convention. He shall also keep regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention, and shall faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers, relative and belonging to the Convention, which may be in his charge.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

SECTION 1.—A Standing Committee, consisting of five Presbyters of the Diocese, and five Laymen, taken indiscriminately from among the actual communicants of the Church in the Diocese, shall be elected by ballot at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitutions and Canons of the General and Diocesan Conventions, who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed.

SECTION 2.—At their first meeting after their appointment, they shall choose one of the Presbyters of their body to be their President, and another of their body to be their Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep regular minutes of all the proceedings and business of the Committee, to preserve them carefully recorded in a book provided for that purpose alone; to preserve the originals of all letters and papers addressed to the Standing Committee, to attest their public acts, to perform such other duties as they may require, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Standing Committee, which may have been entrusted to him.

SECTION 3.—They shall present to each annual Convention, an abstract of the minutes of their proceedings since the former Convention.

SECTION 4.—Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members, a majority of the whole Committee being necessary to constitute a choice.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Special Meetings.

SECTION 1.—The Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Convention; and such meeting shall be held where the authority calling it shall determine; and at such special meeting no other business shall be transacted, than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

SECTION 2.—No special meeting of the Convention shall be called for the election of a Bishop or Assistant Bishop.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

On all questions, unless otherwise provided by the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body; but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote,) and a majority in both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Of the Election of a Bishop or Assistant Bishop.

In the election of a Bishop, or Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, a majority of each Order shall determine a choice: *Provided*, That two-thirds (2-3ds) of all the Clergy entitled to a vote, and two-thirds (2-3ds) of the Churches entitled to representation, be present; otherwise, two-thirds (2-3ds) of the votes of each Order present, shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE XI.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

A Clergyman shall be subject to a trial for offences enumerated in the Canon of the General Convention "*of offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished*," and in the Canons of this Convention. The trial shall be conducted according to the mode provided for by the Canons of this Convention.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the Admission of Churches or Parishes into the Convention.

Whenever a Church or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, or he be absent to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means or prospects for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now or hereafter may be enacted by the authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall communicate the same to the Convention for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese: *Provided always*, That the Delegates of the Church or Parish, newly admitted, though entitled to a seat, shall not be allowed a vote at the meeting of the Convention in which their Church or Parish is admitted. But no Lay vote shall be received from any Church or Parish, which has for three (3) successive years neglected to elect a Vestry and Wardens, or to pay its quota to the Convention, until admitted by a vote of the Convention.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of Deputies to the General Convention.

SECTION 1.—At every annual Convention, four Presbyters and four Laymen shall be chosen by ballot, to represent this Diocese in General Convention.

SECTION 2.—In case any Deputy, appointed as above, shall decline such appointment, or be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee; and the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee may appoint a substitute for any deputy so declining, or unable to attend: *Provided*, That such substitute be a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Altering the Constitution.

No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article be proposed, considered and concurred in by a majority at one Convention, and concurred in by two-thirds (2-3ds) of the Churches present at a subsequent Convention.

CANONS.

CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Common Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, or his Assistant, shall from time to time, at his discretion, preach in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal office; and the Vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection annually in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution. *Passed 1822. Amended 1826.*

CANON II.

Providing for an accurate view of the State of the Church.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, or, if the Parish be vacant, then the Wardens thereof, shall, at or before the meeting of every Annual Convention, deliver or transmit to the Bishop, or, when there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement in writing of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Burials, in his Parish or Church, during the year ending on the first day of January, preceding; the names of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service has been held; the number of families, specifying how many of them belong likewise to other Congregations; the number of Communicants, stating the changes by admission, removal, death, and suspension; the number of adults, and of children under fourteen years of age; the number catechised, and on how many Sundays; whether there be any Sunday School, and if any, the number of children, and of teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; also, the amount of Communion alms, the contributions for missions, diocesan, domestic and foreign; for Parochial schools, and for Church purposes of whatever kind; and, generally, all such other matters as may throw light on the state of the Church under his care.

In each case, the white and colored persons shall be reported distinctively; and all reports shall be in the form of a schedule, prepared by the Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of this Canon, and shall be laid before the Convention, and entered upon the Journal, conformably to Canon XII of the General Convention of 1853.—*Passed 1854.*

CANON III.

Trial of a Minister.

SECTION 1. In order to bring a Minister to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese, setting forth the facts alleged, and the names of the witnesses who will prove the same; with copies of, or proper reference to any other evidence required. If the Standing Committee shall be of opinion that the facts charged will constitute any one or more of the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, or of the General Convention, and that it would be for the good of the Church, that further proceedings should be had, they shall ascertain whether there is proof sufficient to put the accused upon his trial; and if satisfied, they shall thereupon cause a presentment to be made to the Bishop, charging the accused with the offence or offences which they deem to be contained in the evidence, and specifying the facts with such reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances, as shall be sufficient for a judicial investigation.

SEC. 2. The presentment having been made, the Bishop shall forthwith cause to be placed in a box the names of all the Presbyters of this Diocese, who, for the time being, are actually engaged in duty therein, (excepting the accused, the presenting Presbyters, and those on the Standing Committee;) he shall then cause twelve of the said names to be drawn out by a child under ten years of age; and the said twelve names shall be inscribed on a list. The Bishop shall immediately cause a copy of the said list and of the presentment to be served on the accused, or to be left at his usual place of residence. Within thirty days thereafter, the accused shall strike off the names of three of the Presbyters on the said list, and give notice thereof to the Bishop; and the Bishop shall thereupon send a list of the remaining Presbyters to the President of the Standing Committee, who shall, within fifteen days thereafter, strike off the names of three more, and give notice thereof to the Bishop. If either party shall fail to notify the Bishop as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to strike off so many names as the party failing was required to strike off; and in each case, the six remaining Presbyters shall constitute a Council for the trial of the accused.

SEC. 3. The Council shall hold its session at such time and place, and in public or in private, as the Bishop may appoint. It shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Council who may be present, being not less than four, shall organize and appoint a President and Secretary; the first from their own body, and the latter from their own body, or otherwise; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a journal to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the Council to administer an oath, or affirmation, to the witnesses, and upon all questions, the Common Law shall furnish the rule, and the concurrence of a majority of the members present shall be sufficient for a decision.

SEC. 4. The Council, after it shall be organized, may appoint one or more of the Profession of the Law to be its Assessors; who may be present at all its proceedings. It shall be their duty to give to the Council an opinion upon any question which may arise, upon which the Council or any member thereof, or the prosecuting or accused party shall desire an opinion, but without any voice in the decision of any question.

SEC. 5. A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Council, shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, at least thirty days before such meeting; and the like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who, by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution. The accused also shall be allowed the privilege of Counsel under such regulations as the Council may see fit to prescribe.

SEC. 6. If the accused do not appear, the Council may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he then fail to appear, the Council shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who, thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end before the Council: and if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop in view of the Charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 7. Upon the application of the President of the Standing Committee or the accused, to the Bishop setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party five days notice of the time and place of taking the deposition, and of the principal points upon which the witness is to be examined. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The deposition shall be signed by the witness, and certified by the Commissioner under seal, to the Council.

SEC. 8. When the trial shall be gone through, the Council shall declare, in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty—and if guilty, suggesting what sentence in their opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence and the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon, if the accused be found guilty, the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence, as shall to him appear proper, not exceeding that suggested by the Council, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in such case, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case, a new Council shall be constituted, as hereinbefore provided, (excluding the members of the former Council,) before which the proceedings shall be conducted, as before provided.

SEC. 9. If the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop, (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Council,) shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Council, the accused shall neither admit or deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of a Minister, as herein provided, the finding of the Council and his sentence thereupon.

SEC. 11. Nothing herein contained shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop, or of the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, to institute an inquiry according to the provisions of Canon 37 of 1832, of the General Convention. And whenever upon such inquiry, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee shall be of opinion that there is just ground for the public rumors, mentioned in the said Canon, he or they shall inform the Standing Committee of the facts, and of the evidence to establish the same, and thereupon such further proceedings shall be had, as are herein directed, after a charge shall have been made to the Standing Committee.

SEC. 12. Canon third, entitled, "Trial of a Clergyman," is hereby repealed, and this Canon substituted therefor. Passed 1855.

SEC. 13. The expenses incident to the trial of any Minister, as herein provided, shall be certified by the President of the Standing Committee, and paid by the Treasurer of the Convention. And in case the Treasurer shall not have a sufficient amount in his hands for the purpose, the same shall be raised by assessments on the several Parishes in the Diocese, in the same ratio in which they are required to contribute to the expenses of the Convention by the Fifth Standing Resolution. Passed 1856.

CANON IV.

A list to be made of the Clergymen in this Diocese.

SECTION 1.—Within one week before the meeting of every Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or of their stations as missionaries or chaplains, or of the colleges, academies, or other seminaries of learning, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority, in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who are not engaged in parishes, missions or institutions of learning as above, their places of residence only. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order on the first day of meeting, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom. Such list shall then be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen, appointed by the Chair, who shall forthwith consider and report who of the Clergymen, on said list, are entitled to all the privileges of members of the Convention; who are entitled to said privileges, with the exception of the right to vote on matters pertaining to the temporal affairs of the Churches; who are entitled to seats, but not to votes, and who are not entitled to either seats or votes. Such list, thus reported and approved of by the Convention, shall be appended to the Journal, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary of every General Convention.

SECTION 2.—No Clergyman, while suspended from the Ministry, shall have a place on said list.

SECTION 3.—The right of any Clergyman of this Diocese to a seat in the Convention, shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provisions of the Constitution by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

SECTION 4.—The Bishop shall take such measures for notifying the admission of Ministers into this Diocese, as may prevent unwary and ignorant people from being imposed upon by persons pretending to be authorized Ministers of this Church. And his certificate shall be evidence of such admission.

CANON V.

Of persons wishing to be received as Candidates for Orders.

Any person, who desires to become a Candidate for Orders in this Diocese, shall make application in writing, to the Standing Committee, stating his age and previous occupation. He will also be expected to furnish the Committee with the testimonials required by the seventh (7th) Canon of the General Convention of 1853, and give them evidence that he has informed the Bishop of his intention, according to the requisitions of the same Canon.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The opening of the Convention shall always be preceded by the Morning Service of the Church, a Sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper by the Bishop, or if the Episcopate be vacant, or the Bishop be not present, by the President of the Standing Committee. The business of every succeeding day shall be introduced with the Morning Service, and the business of every day shall be closed with appropriate Collects, pronounced by the President.

II. At the opening of each Annual Convention, when the President shall have taken the Chair, the Secretary shall first call over, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall then call over the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of Three, who shall forthwith examine them, and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized. Should the Committee have considered any testimonials unsatisfactory, these shall now be taken up, and the question of their sufficiency settled.

III. The further order of business for the first day of the session of the Convention, shall be as follows :

1. The reading of the "Rules of Order."
2. The election of a Secretary, who shall have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary.
3. The consideration of the application of Churches, or Parishes, for admission into the Convention.
4. The appointment, by the President, of Preachers for the first day of the next annual Convention.
5. The appointment, by the President, of two Standing Committees, viz : the Committee on unfinished Business, one (1) Clergyman and two (2) Laymen ; the Committee on Finance, three (3) Laymen.
6. The annual communication of the Standing Committee of the Church.
7. The appointment of Special Committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.

IV. The daily order of proceedings, after the first day, shall be, on the President's taking the Chair :

1. The reading and approval of the Minutes.
2. Calling the names of the members absent on the preceding day.

3. The appointment of the Standing Committee of the Church.
4. The choosing of Deputies to the General Convention.
5. Calling upon each delegation to pay the assessment on their respective Churches or Parishes, for the Bishop's Common Fund, and for the expenses of the Convention.
6. Reports to be called for in the following order :
 Committee on Finance.
 Treasurer of Bishop's Permanent, Common and Convention Funds.
 Committee on Unfinished Business.
 Conventional School Committee.
 Trustees for aged and Infirm Clergymen.
 Committees appointed at preceding Convention.
 Special Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.

V. Before the rising of the Convention, the Minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read and approved.

VI. The Bishop's Address shall be at any time in order.

VII. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.

VIII. The delegation of each Church shall occupy one pew.

IX. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he hath leave, or be unable to attend.

X. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself to the point in debate, and avoiding personality.

XI. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

XII. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Convention.

XIII. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, except upon a motion to reconsider, which may be moved and seconded by any member who voted in the majority.

XIV. When the President is putting the question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.

XV. No motion shall be considered before the Convention, unless seconded and reduced to writing, if the President or any member require it. A Minister or Delegate may not second a motion offered by a Minister or Delegate of the same Church with himself.

XVI. When a question is before the House, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named. A motion to strike out the word "Resolved," shall have precedence to a

motion to amend; and, if carried, shall be equivalent to a rejection of the resolution. Subject to these exceptions, the question first moved shall be first put.

XVII. Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be decided without debate. A motion to adjourn may interrupt a speech, or any other business of the Convention.

XVIII. No leave of absence shall be indefinitely granted to any member, unless full and sufficient reason be given by him to the Convention.

XIX. All Special Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

XX. No member shall vote on any question, in the event of which he is immediately and personally interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.

XXI. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President *shall*, or any member *may* call to order; in which case, the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain. All questions of order shall be determined in the first instance, without debate, by the President; but any member may appeal from such decision to the Convention, and on such appeal, no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the Convention.

XXII. The President shall have the right to name a member to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

XXIII. Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not belonging to the Diocese, and Candidates for Orders, shall be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

XXIV. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended, without the concurrence of two-thirds (2-3ds) of the members present.

XXV. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the following are the sums which each Parish or Church shall annually contribute to a fund, to be called "The Bishop's Common Fund," to wit:

St. Michael's, Charleston,	\$300	St. Paul's, Pendleton,	- - 10
St. Philip's, do. - -	250	St. John's, Winnsboro',	- - 10
St. Paul's, do. - - -	150	Trinity Church, Society Hill,	10
St. Peter's, do. - - -	150	St. David's, Cheraw,	- - - 10
Grace Church, do. - - -	100	Church of the Messiah, }	- 10
Prince George, Winyaw, -	50	North Santee, }	- 10
St John's, Berkley, - - -	50	St. Matthew's, - - - - -	10
St. John's, Colleton, - - -	50	St. Mark's, Clarendon, - - -	10
Edisto Island, - - - - -	50	St. James's, Goose Creek, - - -	10
All-Saints', Waccamaw, - -	50	St. Andrew's, - - - - -	10
Trinity Church, Columbia, -	50	Prince William's, - - - - -	10
St. Helena, Beaufort, - - -	35	Prince Frederick's, - - - - -	10
Grace Church, Camden, - -	30	St. Paul's, Stono, - - - - -	5
St. Bartholomew's, - - - -	25	Church of the Advent, }	5
Church of the Holy Cross, }	20	Spartanburg, }	5
Claremont, }	20	Calvary Church, Glenn Springs,	5
St. Helena, St. Helena Island,	10	Christ Church, - - - - -	5
Pineville and Upper St. John's,	20	St. James's, James Island, - - -	5
St. Thomas and St. Dennis, -	20	St. Thaddæus, Aiken, - - - - -	5
St. Luke's, - - - - -	15	Zion Church, Richland, - - - - -	5
Church of the Holy Trinity, }	15	Trinity Church, Edgefield, - - -	5
Grahamville, }	15	Trinity Church, Abbeville, - - -	5
Christ Church, Wilton, - - -	15	Grace Church, Sullivan's Island,	5
St. James, Santee, - - - - -	20	Church of the Redeemer, }	- 5
Christ Church, Greenville, -	10	Orangeburg, }	- 5

Passed 1824. Amended 1853-1854.

2. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Common Fund shall punctually pay over to the Bishop of the Diocese, the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars, annually, in quarterly payments, from said fund; to enable him to discharge his Episcopal duties.

Passed 1835. Amended 1841.

3. *Resolved*, That whatever balance may remain, after paying the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the Bishop, shall be paid over to the Bishop's Permanent Fund.

Passed 1834. Amended.

4. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, in his annual summons to the different Parishes or Churches, to state the quota of such Parishes or Churches, to the Bishop's Common Fund. *Passed 1830.*

5. *Resolved*, That all Parishes and Churches receiving aid from the Society for the advancement of Christianity in South Carolina, shall each contribute five (\$5) dollars annually, towards defraying the expenses of the Convention; that all Churches and Parishes in the cities of Charleston and Columbia, not receiving aid from the said Society, shall each pay for the same purpose twenty (\$20) dollars annually, and that all other Churches and Parishes in this Diocese, shall pay annually ten (\$10) dollars for the same purpose; and that the Secretary, in issuing his summons to the Parish or Churches, shall inform them of this resolution; and that at each Annual Convention, the Treasurer shall apply to the Delegates of each Church for their respective contributions. *Passed 1820. Amended 1829. 1848. 1856.*

6. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, for the time being, to furnish the Ministers of the several Parishes or Churches, with blank copies of the usual form for the reports; and that they be and they are hereby required, *henceforth*, to make their annual returns conformably to the same. *Passed 1826.*

7. WHEREAS, according to the Consecration service of the Protestant Episcopal Church, "devout and holy men, as well under the Law "as under the Gospel, moved either by the express command of God, "or by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, "have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated "them from all *unhallowed, worldly, and common* uses, in order to fill "men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty, and "affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service;" and, whereas, the delivering of orations, and holding elections, on secular or political subjects and occasions, and the usual worldly accompaniments and circumstances, are thought inconsistent with both the letter and spirit of this declaration of the Consecration service, and have been found to give pain to many members of our Communion, and generally to be of injurious tendency; therefore be it

Resolved by this Convention, That it be recommended to the Vestries of all Churches in this Diocese, to discourage, and, if possible, interdict the use of the Churches under their care, for all *unhallowed, worldly, and common* purposes. *Passed 1828.*

8. *Resolved*, That the custom of returning thanks for sermons preached before this body, is inexpedient and unnecessary, and shall not, in future, be observed. *Passed 1829.*

9. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay at or before every meeting of the General Convention, to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the quota of this Diocese, towards defraying the contingent expenses of the General Convention. *Passed 1832.*

10. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the several Clergymen having a Parochial charge, to give notice to their respective Congregations, on the Sunday preceding the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, that divine service may be expected every day during the sitting of the Convention. *Passed 1838. Amended.*

11. *Resolved*, That the fund to be raised in conformity with a resolution for adopting measures to increase the Bishop's Permanent Fund, shall be called the "Convention Fund, raised for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund;" shall be entrusted to the charge of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds; and shall not be used, either principal or interest, except for the purpose of investment, until the income shall be adequate, together with the income of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, to the support of the Episcopate, independent of a Parochial charge. *Passed 1836, and amended.*

12. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Parishes of the Diocese, to defray the expenses of their respective Pastors, incurred by their attendance on the Diocesan Convention. *Passed 1838.*

13. *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the members of our Church, who are proprietors of slaves, individually and collectively to take measures for the *support* of Clerical Missionaries and Lay Catechists, who are members of our Church, for the religious instruction of their slaves. *Passed 1838.*

14. *Resolved*, That it be urged upon the Rectors and Vestries of the country Parishes, to exert themselves to obtain the services of such Clerical Missionaries and Lay Catechists. *Passed 1838.*

15. *Resolved*, That every Missionary and Catechist be approved of by the Bishop. *Passed 1838.*

16. *Resolved*, That the Clergy be required, on some suitable occasion previously to the meeting of the Convention in each year, to call the attention of their respective congregations to the importance of the punctual attendance of Delegates at such Convention. *Passed 1838.*

17. *Resolved*, That no person who is a candidate for Orders, shall be admitted to a seat in this Convention as a Lay-Delegate from any Parish or Church. *Passed 1838.*

18. *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the several Churches in this Diocese, that in the appointment of Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, they should select persons who are regular communicants of the Church. *Passed 1841.*

19. *Resolved*. That the Rector or officiating Minister, or in case of there being no Minister, the Chairman of the Vestry, in the different Parishes be requested at as early a date as possible after each annual election of Vestry and Wardens of their Church, to forward a list of their names to the President of the Standing Committee, and also a list to the Secretary of the Convention, that they may be kept on file.

20. *Resolved, unanimously*, That whereas the practice of both public and private travelling on the Lord's day, is deemed to be a prevalent evil of the times; and whereas, the 41st Canon of our Church, "of the due celebration of Sundays," prescribes that "all persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the Word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, in other exercises of devotion, and in acts of charity, using all godly and sober conversation."

Resolved, That the attention of the members of our Church, in this Diocese, be solicited to the above Canon. *Passed 1844.*

21. *Resolved*, That hereafter in voting by ballot, the Secretary shall call the names of the Clergy, and of the Churches in order, and the votes be brought forward and deposited with the Tellers as called for; and no vote shall be received after the Tellers begin to count the votes. *Passed 1847. Amended 1851.*

22. *Resolved*, That three dollars per day be paid to the Organist officiating during the Sessions of the Convention.

Resolved, That a like sum be paid to the Sexton acting for the same period. *Passed 1856.*

DIOCESAN COMMITTEES, &c.

1. Standing Committee of the Diocese :

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2. Deputies to the General Convention :

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.,

“ P. Trapier,

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The Rev. C. Wallace, *Post Office, Charleston.*

Assistant Secretary, The Rev. A. T. Porter, *Charleston.*

5. Treasurer of the “Bishop’s Permanent and Common Funds,”
and of the “Convention’s Fund for the increase of the Bishop’s Per-
manent Fund:

John Hanckel, *Bank of the State of So. Ca., Charleston.*

6. Committee on Calvary Church, Charleston: to serve 4 years.

H. D. Lesesne,
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William A. Pringle,
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George M. Coffin,
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7. Trustees of Mrs. Clarkson's Legacy to Zion Church, Richland:

William Clarkson,
T. Boston Clarkson,
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8. Committee to Report on a Diocesan Theological Seminary—*v. Journal, p. —*:

The Rev. J. B. Campbell,
“ P. Trapier. [Printed erroneously in the *Journal*
E. McCrady. (p. 39,) as the Rev. C. C. Pinck-
ney, Jr.]

9. Committee on a Diocesan Training School—*v. Journal, p. 41*:

The Rev. A. Gregg,
“ A. Glennie.
R. F. W. Allston,
P. C. J. Weston.

10. Preacher before the next Convention:

The Rev. P. Trapier.
Alternate, The Rev. A. Gregg.

11. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, nominated to the General Convention:

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4 Additional—*v. Journal, p. 24* :

The Rev. W. Dehon,

“ J. S. Hanckel,

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J. J. P. Smith.

12. Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention :

The Rev. Cranmore Wallace, *Charleston.*

Assistant Secretary :

The Rev. S. T. Porter, *Charleston.*

The next meeting of the Convention will be held in Grace Church,
Camden, on Wednesday, May 7th, 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

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